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He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he hath set judgement in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

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FOREWORD

The value of publishing annual reports for wide circulation is readily recognized. However, the publication of this year's reports is of special significance for it brings to a conclusion the period of foreign mission service definitely known as the work of the United Brethren Church. The challenge of these reports and proceedings as presented to the limited number attending the Board meeting was so inspiring that a wider circulation was considered necessary.

These reports speak a brief word about the work that has been accomplished in the name of our Master. Much more should be said about this noble history, however, following the suggestion of the Apostle Paul "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before"—the major emphasis of these reports is in the future—the "reaching forward" part.

We are standing on the threshold of new adventures in world missions. The Evangelical United Brethren Church must move into these new areas of life around the world. These plans as presented in this series of reports will guide us in these new adventures.

The success of the Missionary Education Crusade, has been well established during the past year and as it moves eastward the churches look with eager anticipation to its coming. The proposed Rehabilitation and Advance Campaign has been long awaited by our church people and the plans presented here should serve to awaken a deeper interest in this unfinished task of the Church.

"Forward together with Christ"—in the spirit of this slogan we present these reports.—Carl B. Eschbach.

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Program

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 9:00 A. M.

Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Presiding

Devotional Address ..... Bishop A. R. Clippinger

Prayer ..... Rev. H. H. Thomas

Roll Call

Approval Program and Committees

Review Executive Committee Minutes

Miscellaneous Items

Reports

- General Secretary ..... S. G. Ziegler
- Associate ..... C. B. Eschbach
- Women's Missionary Association ..... Miss Janet Gilbert
- Treasurer ..... W. O. Clark

Plans for Rehabilitation and Advance Campaign ..... C. B. Eschbach

Adjournment

AFTERNOON SESSION

Committee Meetings—1:30 to 5:30

Field Committees—1:30 to 4:00
- Africa and the West Indies
- China, Japan and Philippines

Administration Committees—4:00 to 5:30
- Appropriations and Finance
- Home Cultivation and Promotion

EVENING SESSION 7:00 P.M.

Scripture and Prayer ..... Bishop J. B. Showers

Report of Salary and Pension Committee

Report of Committee on Policy for Remuneration of African Workers

Church Union

Review of Minutes of Joint Committee of Eighteen—S. G. Ziegler

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Committee Meetings 8:00 to 10:00 A.M.
- Appropriation and Finance
- Home Cultivation and Promotion
- Africa and the West Indies
- China, Japan and Philippines

MORNING SESSION 10:00 A.M.

Scripture and Prayer ..... Bishop F. L. Dennis

Field Reports
- West Africa ..... Rev. L. O. Shirley
- Puerto Rico ..... Rev. Harry Zech

Report Committee on Africa and West Indies

Miscellaneous Items

Adjournment

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 P.M.

Scripture and Prayer ..... Bishop V. O. Weidler

Field Reports
- China ..... Rev. Calvin Reber
- Philippines ..... Rev. C. B. Eschbach

Report of Committee on Oriental Mission: China, Japan and Philippines

Committee Reports
- Appropriation and Finance
- Home Cultivation and Promotion

Miscellaneous Items

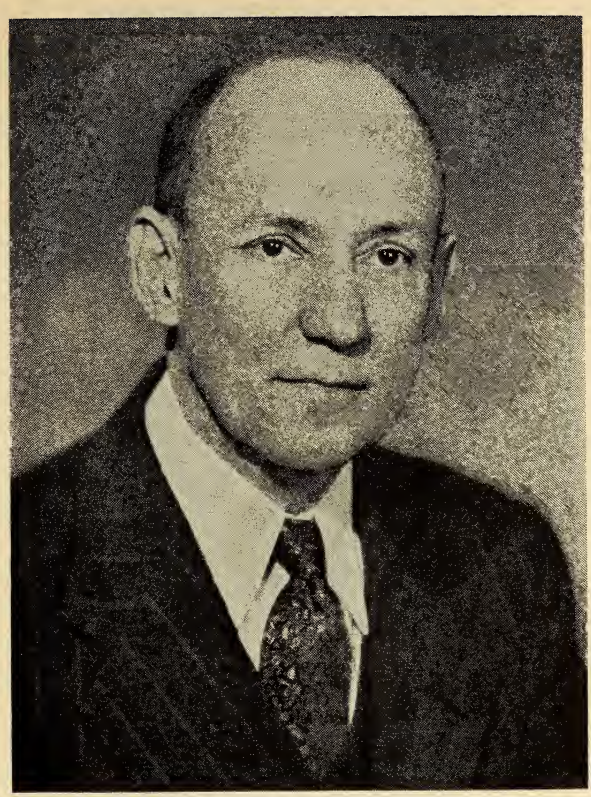
Adjournment

Closing Meditation ..... Bishop Ira D. Warner

DEDICATION

To Dr. Samuel G. Ziegler, a humble follower of the Teacher of Galilee—one who by his personal devotion and Christian faith has challenged others to the larger interests of the Kingdom—this volume is respectfully dedicated.

Dr. Ziegler is a native of Hanover, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools of York County, graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1911 and from Bonebrake Theological Seminary in 1914. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Lebanon Valley College in 1922. He served the following pastorates in Pennsylvania Conference of which he is a member: Duncannon 1909-1911, Otterbein Memorial, Baltimore 1914-1917, St. Pauls' Hagerstown 1917-1921. At the General Conference which convened at Indianapolis in 1921, he was elected General Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society. He visited Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo in 1922 and again in 1935. He traveled extensively in China, Japan and the Philippines in 1926 and in Africa 1928-29 and 1936-37. He served as a member of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, Foreign Conference of North America, and a member of the following committees: Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, Committee of Cooperation in Latin America, Committee on Rural Missions. For many years he was a director of the Missionary Education Movement and contributed to the planning and publication of missionary literature. For four years he served as president of the Board of Christian Work in Santo Domingo. He was official delegate to the World Peace Conference at Delaware, Ohio, in 1942 and the Conference for Just and Durable Peace in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1945. Our church periodicals have been enriched by his contributions. He is the author of three mission study books which have had wide circulation in our church.—Carl B. Eschbach.



REV. SAMUEL G. ZIEGLER, D.D.
General Secretary 1921-1946

IN HONOR OF DOCTOR SAMUEL G. ZIEGLER

The Work of Dr. S. G. Ziegler as Foreign Missionary Secretary in the United Brethren Church will not cease but will be combined with a larger field and a more extensive program in the United Church. His twenty-five years of experience as an Executive Secretary in the field of Foreign Missions has made him a useful and valued servant of the Church. During these years he has visited all our mission fields and has made many contacts with other fields and other missionary minded men which have served him well in his official position. His deep consecration and his wide range of knowledge have given him a place among the Secretaries of other denominations. This long experience as an administrative officer will be a valuable asset in the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

It has been the writer's good privilege to be associated with this esteemed brother on land and on sea, at home and abroad. His genial disposition and thoughtfulness have made him a desirable travelling companion. His counsel is good and his zeal admired. May his years be many and his usefulness be multiplied in this new field of Christian service.

A. R. Clippinger, Bishop

MISS EMMA SPAHR
Office Secretary

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Miss Spahr, who came into the Foreign Mission office as a stenographer while she was still in high school, has given almost thirty-five years of meritorious service for the cause of world missions.

In the absence of the General Secretary, including his deputational visits to the foreign fields, she bore the responsibility of the office and all matters therein involved. She has shown foresight and judgment worthy of an able executive.

Her duties have expanded far beyond the usual routine tasks of a stenographer to that of securing passage, booking freight and making detailed preparations for the sailing of missionaries through a period of two world wars.

She has shown a personal concern for exactly 200 missionaries with whom she has been associated and whom she has counseled wisely on a variety of matters. They esteem her as an understanding friend and one capable of purchasing anything from Pan American tickets and theological books to brushless shaving cream!

Even better than her all around efficiency has been her unperturbable patience, her unselfishness and radiant spirit.

Dr. A. T. Howard

THE YEAR'S WORK

To the Bishops and Board of Directors
of the Foreign Missionary Society,
United Brethren in Christ.

Greetings:

We come, I trust, to this moment with a sense of triumph and victory in our souls. Not that we have wrought so wisely and achieved such magnificent results, but that He has brought us to the time when we shall soon see the uniting of two great communions of the Church into one. We pause to review briefly the path over which we have come as a missionary organization. Ninety-one years ago three representatives of the church went to Sierra Leone, West Africa, to open a mission in the the name of the United Brethren Church.

In 1889 work was begun in China, and six years later a mission was opened in Japan. Two more missions were opened in the decade which followed, one in Puerto Rico in 1899 and one in the Philippine Islands in 1901. The church confined its work abroad to these five fields until 1920, when it united with two other communions, to organize the Board of Christian Work in Santo Domingo. Twenty-four years later (1944) the Board approved cooperation with the United Andean Indian Mission which was organized to carry the gospel to the Indians of South America. Four communions are affiliated with this mission.

In the course of these years the Church sent 158 missionaries to Africa, 48 to China, 15 to Japan, 42 to the Philippine Islands and 16 to Puerto Rico. A total of 279. They contributed 1,226 years of service to Africa, 482 to China, 223 to Japan, 262 to Puerto Rico and 317 to the Philippines, making a grand total of 2,511 years. In all these years of travel to various parts of the world, no missionary lost his or her life in transit.

These figures surprise us when they are totaled. They represent a formidable array of man power. Had their efforts been directed entirely to the production of buildings or some other material assets, we might measure them more accurately. Even though they were directed toward less tangible purposes, yet they were none-the-less real. Here are the results of the last compilation of reports previous to the war.

Building an Indigenous Church

Ordained ministers 77; unordained 39; other workers 289; total 405; organized churches 137; other preaching places 4,250; communicant members 17,579; self-supporting churches 31; Sunday schools 189; enrollment 13,757; Christian Endeavor Societies 154; enrollment 4,764; church houses 124; parsonages 77; total annual contributions for church work $34,196; for all purposes including school and medical fees $88,589.

Day and boarding schools 117; total enrollment 5,969; union schools 10; dispensaries and hospitals 9; total number treatments given during the year 99,137; missionary residences 25; present number of missionaries 60.

It is impossible to measure the spiritual potency and life represented by these statistics. They give a mere skeleton of the multitudes which were effected by our efforts. Many have passed on and are numbered among the redeemed. One really needs to visit the field and sit down in these towns

and villages to appreciate the full force of what has happened. I think of such towns as Taiama, Kiangan and Juana Diaz. If we could have seen them before the Christian messenger came and compare them with what they are now, we would see the marvelous transformation which has taken place. Take Dr. Regina Bigler and her medical work in South China, covering a period of forty-four years. Through her medical service, the gospel was spread far and wide among both rich and poor. Or take the town of Taiama in West Africa and live there forty years with Miss Minnie Eaton, watch the church grow and the village change and you see again the marvelous power of the gospel. One more reference must suffice. Let us look at the service of Dr. and Mrs. Widdoes, who lived and served for nearly forty years in La Union Province, Philippine Islands. Today in every town of any consequence in the province, you see the results of their evangelistic services in some small chapel and growing congregation.

Hundreds of others have labored just as worthily—Drurys, Shivelys, Oldts, Knipps, Musselmans and Shoops. We cannot stop to mention them all. Their names are inscribed among the immortals. As a result of their services we have on each mission field a live, growing indigenous church which is a part of the ecumenical community of believers. The prophecy of the Master is being fulfilled this very day, "And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." (Luke 13:29)

Our mission churches in China, Japan, the Philippines and Puerto Rico have affiliated already with the united Church in their respective countries. These young churches have preceded us by a few years in the union movement. They will welcome the good news of the union which is taking place among mother churches in America.

Mission Staff

We have been fortunate this year in that not one member of our staff at home or abroad suffered from any prolonged illness. Neither were there any losses by death. We give thanks to Him for His watchful care over us.

Rev. Carl Eschbach has rendered excellent service as associate secretary. He has helped to prepare the literature, assisted in the Crusade and has taken over the responsibility for the promotion of the World Friendship Project and the recruiting of new missionaries. He has also given time to the Philippine Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference, serving as its temporary chairman. He will give a brief report of his work. Miss Mary McKenzie continued in her furlough relationship when she returned home last February, in order to help with the Crusade and other field work. Between field engagements, she went over our African slides, revised them and prepared new lectures.

Clerical work in the home office increased considerably, due (1) to the Crusade, most of the clerical work being handled in the foreign office; (2) to the new travel and shipping regulations which require much more correspondence than here-to-fore in getting missionaries off; (3) to the many special gifts for relief, for the support of missionaries, and for rehabilitation. While most of the gifts are not large, they are substantial enough to require recognition, and also involve extra bookkeeping. Miss Spahr has done nobly in handling these many details, but there is a limit to one's strength and time. We have tried to secure competent full time help, but have not

succeeded. Fortunately Mrs. Marie Keller and Mrs. Jeanne Booher gave enough part-time service to enable us to get the work out but we could not always keep it up to date.

The following missionaries returned home on furlough from Africa: Dr. and Mrs. Walter Schutz, Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Shirley, Miss Naomi Wilson; from Puerto Rico, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Zech. Those returning to Africa were Rev. and Mrs. Charles Leader, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Musselman, Eileen Perrin, Wavelene Babbitt and Nora Vesper. In September, a new couple, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Walker went out. They will be stationed at Jaiama in the Kono area. In March Mrs. C. C. Witmer and Miss Lucile Esbenshade, a new missionary, sailed for the Philippines. They were followed by Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Shoop, who left in July for China. At the same time Miss Harriet Raymond and Rev. and Mrs. Don Falkenberg left for the Philippines. Rev. and Mrs. Falkenberg are new missionaries. The last of September another new couple, Rev. and Mrs. John Knecht left on the Marine Lynx for China.

The Board has eleven other new missionaries under appointment: for China, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Barr and Rev. Charles Ashley; for the Philippines, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Cosselmon and Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Fisher; for Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hunt, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Lefforge and Miss Ruth Hardy; for Puerto Rico, Miss Laura Hunter. Those asigned to Africa and the Philippines are expected to leave for their field of labor soon after the first of the year. Mr. Ashley will leave before the end of this year if transportation can be secured. Dr. Lefforge is taking a course in tropical medicine in Puerto Rico. He and Mrs. Lefforge will leave for Africa after he completes his studies.

Three of the young men from Africa who were in training here in the States returned home, Dr. John Karefa-Smart, Rev. Solomon Caulker and Rev. William Fitzjohn. They are already in the service. Dr. Smart is giving three months to each of our three medical centers, Rev. Solomon Caulker is serving as instructor in the Theological Department of Fourah Bay College and William Fitzjohn is serving as acting Principal of Albert Academy. They are a great asset to the staff of the West Africa Conference.

Missionary Education Crusade

The Crusade was launched last January when teams of missionaries began to visit the churches in California, Oregon and Colorado-New Mexico Conferences. Oklahoma Conference was visited the last of February and early March. In April the Kansas Conference was visited and in June the Missouri. In July the churches in Iowa, and September those in Wisconsin. This month (October) the churches in Nebraska and Minnesota were visited. There are two Crusade teams now in Michigan. We expect to cover about half of Illinois Conference during the early part of December and the remaining part in January. Then we shall begin in Indiana and visit the churches in the St. Joe, White River and Indiana Conferences. All field workers from the Women's Missionary Association, the Home Mission office and the Foreign Mission office and all furloughed missionaries were enlisted. This has proven to be a larger task than we had anticipated, but with perfect cooperation from every interest, we were able to cover a commendable part of the Church this first year.

It is proving to be a most worthwhile effort. The small outlying churches, especially, have appreciated the Crusade. Many have never had a mission-

ary visit them. The fact that they were recognized and given consideration, has awakened a new interest in the general work of the Church. The Crusade, therefore, will mean much, not only to missions, but to all the interests included in our benevolences. We wish to thank all missionaries, office staff and others who gave so freely and generously of their time to make the Crusade a success.

Home Base Promotion

Our home base promotion this year consisted largely of the Crusade movement which occupied a large portion of our time. However, camps, conferences and other special gatherings were not overlooked. We had representatives in many of them. Individual church engagements were accepted also by the members of the staff so that the free Sundays each worker had were reduced to a minimum.

A special issue of "The Evangel" was sponsored last February and a special cover provided. The main articles were furnished by the Foreign Mission office. A total issue of 32,000 was published.

We joined with the Home Mission Department, the Board of Christian Education and the Women's Missionary Association in compiling and editing the material for the twelfth issue of "Worship Pathways."

Two special pieces of literature were published and circulated widely among our pastors on World Mission Sunday, March 10. The "Church Bulletin" for use in local churches 103,000. "Ambassadors of Peace and Goodwill," a four page folder (8½x11) 68,000. In addition to these pieces of literature we placed in the hands of each pastor a free copy of our published annual report and a copy of Christian World Facts. We promoted the sale and reading of current mission study books on Africa and the report of the church deputation to Japan, entitled "The Return to Japan." We also circulated and encouraged the reading of our own current study book "Training for Evangelism."

Now that photographic materials are more easy to get, and there are less restrictions on taking pictures, we hope to be able to add more new material to the visual education department of our work. It is a field with great possibilities. Many churches are being equipped with good projectors so that they can show movie sound pictures. We, therefore, should cooperate with such projects as seek to make pictures jointly in order that the best skill in photography and editing might be available. Such pictures can be used to supplement the pictures we have of our own work and at the same time broaden our own missionary outlook.

One new sound movie was added to our stock of visual education material. It is entitled "We Bear Witness" and consists of approximately 800 feet of film. The picture shows the deputation of four churchmen who visited Japan last fall as representatives of the Protestant Churches of America. It gives a view of the destruction suffered by the Japanese, shows some of their most outstanding Christian leaders and calls the Church to a new endeavor to evangelize Japan.

Financial Review

At our meeting a year ago the Board approved appropriations for current work on the field and for home administration, totaling $186,000. This was supplemented by special appropriations for rehabilitation, relief and

new buildings to the amount of $16,200. To this must be added the special grant made for relief, $5,000. The Board should add to these figures an appropriation of $18,000 to cover the expenses of the new missionaries who were appointed during 1946. Our total expenditure for the year therefore will approximate $225,200.

It will be noted that during the war years the Board accumulated a balance in its current funds which has been placed in a Current Work Surplus Account. This accumulation totaled $109,844.35 as of December 31, 1945. We are fortunate to have such a reserve to help meet urgent demands. It will soon be absorbed in the increased costs of operation and in the enlarged staff which we are putting in the field.

The receipts for current work for 1945, the last full fiscal year for which we have figures available, were:

Benevolence	$ 59,533.18
Women's Missionary Association	$132,151.22
Specials	$ 33,971.93

These receipts for current work will serve as a guide for our appropriations for 1947. Since the Board has followed the policy of basing its appropriations for the coming year on the receipts for the past year, it has avoided incurring serious deficits.

We should note again that the number of churches asking for the privilege of supporting a missionary in addition to their regular benevolence budget exceeds the number of missionaries on our mission staff. This year the following churches have been added to the list: Enid, Oklahoma; Parkersburg First, West Virginia; Lancaster, Ohio; Dunbar, West Virginia; Fountain Square, Muncie, Indiana; Huntington, Indiana; Whittier, California; Pitcairn, Pennsylvania; Bryan, Ohio; Albia, Iowa; Madison, Pennsylvania; Fairmont, West Virginia; Hartford City, Indiana; Indianapolis, Calvary, Indiana; Jamestown, Kidder Memorial, New York; Neffsville, Pennsylvania; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Akron, Park, Ohio; West Willow, Pennsylvania. Others are waiting for the appointment of new missionaries that they too, might participate in their support.

In considering finances we must face the fact that our current operating expenses are rising rapidly. Ten years ago the estimates submitted by the West Africa Mission totaled $43,853—today the estimates are $76,264. Such rises are apparent in the estimates submitted by the other fields. It is due in part to an enlarged staff, but more especially to increased costs in operation. Since the percentages for the general department will remain practically the same according to present plans, we must look to other sources to supplement our income. "Specials" offer the most favorable field. We must turn our attention, therefore, to this phase of support in order to supply the staff of missionaries needed for this new day, and to undergird the young church in the war torn areas of the world.

Relief and Material Aid

We rejoice in the fine work the Brotherhood has done in its efforts to raise $75,000 for relief. We congratulate the men on their fine success. Every cent raised is needed in the devastated areas of Europe and the Far East. The Church World Service, Incorporated and other worthy relief agencies will share in the distribution of the money. United Brethren must help to provide this general relief.

The Foreign Board, however, has its own relief problems among the churches in our Oriental mission fields. This appeal from Miss Lottie Spessard is typical of others which come to the office. "Relief—we need $700 monthly at least, throughout December. We do not know where the people will get rice. It is now 3.00 pesos for what once cost 30 centavos or even 15. People come to me and just sit and sit (because Americans are kind) even when I cannot help those who are too sick or weak to work."

Peter Wong reports that Chinese pastors are getting only half enough to keep them normally nourished. Teachers and preachers are the worst sufferers under the present inflationary prices. Millions of Japanese are in a state of semi-starvation. If relief does not come, many will not survive the winter. The situation is serious.

Our total receipts for relief this past year were $6,200. Christian groups must continue to stress this work and give support to the agencies which are raising funds. In some sections the situation is improving, but even so there will be need for such help for some time to come.

Rehabilitation Funds

According to the action of General Conference, the field, beginning July 1, 1947, is to be open to the two mission boards, assisted by the Women's Missionary Association, to put on a joint campaign for funds for advance work on the home field and rehabilitation on the foreign field. Many churches and individuals have made voluntary contributions already for this purpose. At present we have $35,752 on hand.

July 25 and 26, the secretarial staffs of the two Boards and the General Secretary of the Women's Missionary Association met to consider plans for promoting the campaign. The report of this meeting will be presented to the Board for its consideration. A careful estimate of the immediate needs at home and abroad convinced the secretarial group that a goal of $1,000,000 should be set for our campaign which is to be completed within the two-year period.

Other Funds

The Board carries a number of other funds in its account, such as "special" and "building" funds. These funds are being held until the purpose for which they were contributed can be served. Some are held temporarily because of conditions on the field or because at present it is impossible to secure the particular thing or things they were meant to provide.

Two large building projects are being started. One at Taiama, the other at Moyamba in West Africa. Thirty thousand dollars is available for the first and $10,222 for the second. In addition to this last amount the foreign share of the W. M. A. Day offering being lifted this fall will go to Harford School. It is recommended on the field that in view of the favorable exchange, these monies be sent to the field and deposited in the Bank of British West Africa. I suggest that the Board give favorable consideration to this matter.

Annuities and Bequests

One bequest of $365.31 was received this year from the estate of Ella Niswonger. Annuity contracts were made during the year, totaling $8,700. These two avenues are a constant source of revenue. During past years

many thousands of dollars have been received from these sources. We recommend them to our pastors and people. More of our people should make the Foreign Missionary Society a beneficiary in their estate. Others should be shown the advantage of our annuity agreement plan.

The Executive Committee, at its meeting April 23, took over from the Women's Missionary Association four annuities totaling $3,600. These annuities were transferred on the recommendations of the auditor. The annuity account of the Women's Missionary Association was so small that he was of the opinion they were not justified in handling such an account and that it should be divided and turned over to the two General Societies. Our annuity account now totals $74,575.

Investments

The Board is following the same careful plan in the investment of its permanent funds which it follows in the expenditure of its current funds. The investments include high grade corporate bonds, U. S. Treasury issues, mortgages and a limited amount of stock. In these investments we are guided by the judgment of our efficient and experienced church treasurer, Mr. Wesley O. Clark.

Salaries and Pensions

At our last annual meeting the matter of salaries was referred to the Executive Committee. It in turn appointed a special committee to study the matter and report during this session of the Board. In order to take care of the situation for the present, the Board authorized the small staff in China to supplement their salary by such allowance as living conditions made necessary for their health and the proper performance of their duty. In the Philippines, a supplementary grant of $450 was made when we approved our appropriations a year ago. In Africa each couple was granted $150 extra and a single worker $100. Prices are higher, however, so that the small allowance and the favorable exchange is absorbed by increased costs.

It is difficult during these inflationary times to fix a basic salary. For that reason your committee did not do as complete a job as it would have done under ordinary circumstances. We commend their report for your careful consideration when it is submitted later in the meeting.

In 1937, the Board took action in its annual meeting instructing the Executive Committee to study the matter of pensions. A plan was presented at the next annual meeting and adopted. It provided a regularly monthly pension for all single workers who had served twenty-five years or more but were not eligible to membership in the Ministerial Pension and Annuity plan. It also agreed to supplement the pension of those in the general plan by such amount as was necessary to bring it up to the maximum amount agreed to in the plan.

The plan has worked well and has been a source of much help to those who have been retired. But the inadequacy of the amount for such times as these is most apparent. In view of this fact, I recommend that the Board give consideration to a Pension Trust Plan in some reputable insurance company and that annuity contracts be taken out for all employees of the Society fifty-five years and under who are ineligible to membership in the Ministerial Pension and Annuity plan. I recommend also that the wives

of ordained men in this "age limit" be considered so as to supplement the pension provided by the Ministerial Pension and Annuity plan for retired married couples. The salary committee will submit specific recommendations.

According to Article VII, paragraph 1404, the Department of Foreign Missions will be obliged to pay to the Department of the Board of Pensions three per cent of the salary it pays to all its employees who are members of the general pension system. At the present time, there are twenty such employed by the Board. The Uniting General Conference, I presume, will determine when payment is to begin. Provision should be made for this in our 1947 appropriations.

Literacy Movement

Last fall the World Mission Advancement Day offering totaled $69,589.88. Our portion of the offering ($34,794.94) was set aside for the new Literacy and Literature Movement sponsored by the mission boards associated with the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Twenty-five thousand dollars was sent to the Literacy and Literature Committee in New York as our contribution to this movement for the present quadrennium. The balance was retained to meet any special appeals which might come either from our own fields or from the general field.

The Literacy and Literature Committee gives special attention to the literacy movement fathered by Dr. Frank Laubach. It helps promote the new phonetic system of teaching illiterates to read, and then provides literature for them in their own vernacular. It has been discovered that if these people who learn to read do not keep on reading, they soon lose their ability to read. For that reason so much stress is put on providing ap-

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propriate literature for them. We see how important this movement is when we remember that in the past twenty years 100,000,000 adults in Russia have learned to read for the first time. Dr. James Yen's work for the illiterates in China reads like fiction. Through the People's Schools and the Fellow Scholar Associations, 47,000,000 Chinese are earning a better living than ever before by scientific farming, cooperative marketing and by credit unions. All this was made possible by the new literacy movement. Dr. Yen predicts China's 450,000,000 people will be literate within a decade. This "lightning literacy" method as it is called, has started 30,000,000 in India on the road to intellectual freedom. In the Philippines, Malaya, East Africa, and Latin America, millions more are being introduced to a new world by this phonetic method of instruction.

A few selected parts of the world are surfeited with literature, but other sections are tragically impoverished. These impoverished parts are desperately in need of good books and periodicals. Miss Ruth Uhr in her new book, "The Highway of Print," says, "If the Church is to make on world thought an impact for Christ, it must meet the opportunity with books, good books, Christian books, interpreting clearly and winsomely the Christian way and its underlying faith; and it must put such books within the reach of everyone. No other method of winning the heart of the world is quite so crucial as the provision of Christian literature."

We should aim to rehabilitate our Evangel Press at San Fernando. For four years it stood silent, the building damaged and the machinery rusting from disuse. The publication of the "Naimbag a Damag" was resumed this past summer, but only as a four page weekly. Formerly it was published regularly as a sixteen page periodical. We do not have a complete estimate on the costs for repairing the Press building and replacing the equipment or putting it in first-class condition. It will be included in our estimates for rehabilitation when they are completed.

Our Albert Academy Press also should be supplied with new machinery and type. It is a great asset to the Christian movement in West Africa. Its monthly publication, the "Sierra Leone Outlook," has met a great need for good literature on the West Coast. The Board should give consideration to this matter and take action to provide a small press and sufficient new type. Costs may approximate $2,500.

Japan

Since there is no formal report from Japan, it seems appropriate to give a more extended account of the work in this general report. There was much speculation during the war, as to how a defeated people would receive representatives of the Christian church if and when they returned to Japan. But such uncertainty was short lived. Early in September, 1945, a "Radio Tokyo" broadcast was picked up, providentially, it seems, here in America. The broadcast referred to the meeting of representatives of the church in Japan and the church in the United States at Riverside, California, in 1941. The message stated, in part, "The new situation has given rise to many new problems in the life of the Japanese churches that require an intelligent study of the broader point of view of the world mission of Christianity as well as international relationships. For this purpose the wider experience of the older churches of the west will form an invaluable aid to the Japanese Christian movement. . . . The American church leaders

promised in 1941 that they would send to Japan a deputation in return for the aforesaid visit of the Japanese deputation. That promise . . . has remained unfulfilled. . . . Should they carry out their words at the earliest opportunity, it would be the most timely aid to the Christian forces in this country and would receive the warmest and heartiest welcome from Japanese leaders."

Acting on this suggestion, four men were selected to go to Japan—Bishop James C. Baker of the International Missionary Council, Dr. Douglas Horton of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Luman J. Shafer of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and Dr. Walter VanKirk of the Federal Council of Churches. These men left October 21, and in thirty-eight flying hours reached Japan—the first to arrive after the war in civilian clothes or as one Japanese put it later, "The first one in praying clothes."

The first meeting was dramatic with silence. One member said later, "We met, shook hands and wept." Finally the prolonged silence was broken and the Japanese said, "You are showing us by this visit that our tie of Christian love is too strong to be disrupted, our brotherhood existing in the name of Christ is too deep rooted to wither under the tyranny of armed forces." The story of this unusual experience is told in the booklet "The Return to Japan" and in the new sound movie which we have added to our list of visual education material entiled, "We Bear Witness."

A few months after peace was restored we had a heart-warming letter from Rev. C. Yasuda. "It is my great joy to write to you all again after the great war. You can suppose how thankful we are for peace again. We have passed through a great ordeal during this war. It will continue after the war. We think it is a punishment from God. We must deserve it. At the same time, it is the love and providence of God. Now we begin to see the new Japan in the future.

"Our great problem is food. Many persons are dying from starvation. In winter it will increase. Many people lost their homes, clothing and other living materials. This is a great burden.

"It was a great consolation and encouragement for us to meet with the deputation from the Church in America. They showed the love of the churches in the United States and encouraged us greatly. It was my unexpected joy to hear about Dr. Shively from Dr. Van Kirk. He preached in our church November 4. When he learned it was the church Dr. Shively joined, it pleased him greatly.

"Rev. Ono passed away January, 1943. Rev. Sadamori passed away May, 1943. Rev. Kotachibana, who was in the battle field in the South, died December, 1942. Rev. Akira Terao was in the army and his wife and five children burned with church and parsonage. Rev. Nakaji, Rev. Koike, Rev. Sugimoto, Rev. S. Terao, Rev. Jin, Rev. Hirozawa, have lost their churches and parsonages. You can suppose how we are in deep sorrow because of these great losses. When I think about these dear co-workers, I cannot help to cry out. They have no worshipping place and no living place. There are many preachers and members who are suffering from the same doom.

"Pray for us please. We are praying for you always."

We must turn to youth for the spirit of heroism and courage. Rev. S. Nakaji, pastor at Osaka, lost his church property, but he writes most hopefully.

"We keep a grateful heart and pray for you a blessed life. Our church building was bombed entirely June 1, 1945. Since that time we have held the morning service in the church yard among the burned ruins. Church members are scattered many places that are far from Osaka. Then a few persons were gathered after a long time. But in recent days they are gathering new people in our church. Since September 9, we have been keeping our services in the Osaka Y.M.C.A. At these days there are about 40 persons. Last Sunday we had four new church members. July 7, the congregation was more than fifty.

"I had established the church in Shimoyakuno, my native place. There are about fifty persons who come for service which is held Tuesday evening. Mrs. Nakaji and I taught English in my home town. And we got 2000 yen as tuition from the students. My mother kept us and we did not need any expense. So we offered that whole money for the Church. We pray and hope to build a country church in that village. The 2000 yen are growing gradually bigger and bigger sum.

"Now we are living at Fukuchiyama, because it is very convenient to go to Osaka and to Shimoyakuno. Until Osaka Church is built, we will stay here. I have about thirty persons meeting at Fukuchiyama. It will become a church comparatively soon. I have about fifty persons in the congregation at Katano which is located about two hours from Osaka by train. I gained one man to be pastor at Katano Church and I presented about 1,500 yen for him a few days ago. July and August I will go there once in two weeks, but after that, I will plan to go once a month.

"The Ishibashi Church is growing, but the pastor, Rev. Takada, fell down on bed by sickness. It is a very tight place economically for Japanese ministers, but God surely feeds us. God never lives without compassion for us. I am very happy to help others. It is my opportunity to lead Japanese people into the Christian faith. Surely I believe and am trying with a desperate effort—even I have no time often to eat and sleep. So my wife has anxiety about my health, but I am very well. This is my pleasure and inspiration to do for the spiritual salvation of Japan's people."

These excerpts from Rev. Nakoji's letter illustrate what Dr. Charles Inglehart said about the Japanese Church. "Its General Assembly had just met in Tokyo for the first time since 1943. It met in a city and nation that are in ruins. The dress of ministers and members is shabby and sometimes pitifully grotesque. The nation is whipped. Society is in shreds. Money is cheap paper. Food is perilously scarce. But this Japan in tatters is far more noble than the proud empire of yesterday. And the church in rags is showing a splendor that is the marvel of American observers, of whom I am one."

There are hard and difficult days ahead for these people. None of the problems that the Japanese sought to solve by war have been solved. Today 70,000,000 people fight to survive on 148,000 square miles of rocking islands. Four million Japanese civilians who made their homes on the continent and the South Sea Islands have been and are being repatriated to add to the confusion and congestion on the main islands of Japan. Five and a half million are unemployed. Inflation has made their money almost valueless. Rice reserves are gone and food is down to famine proportions. From ten to fifteen millions are said to face starvation unless supplies are

sent in from outside. To deliberately let them starve is to make them more ready subjects for the propagation of communism.

In mid-September a conference of representatives of boards having work in Japan was held at Yonkers, New York. Two days were given to the discussion of our common problems: (1) The kind of organization we should set up here to work with the United Church in Japan; (2) The matter of immediate relief for the starving; (3) The releasing of funds for the construction of temporary church houses; (4) The present evangelistic campaign and its support; (5) Rural reconstruction and the opening of rural centers for training leaders; (6) The establishing of a Union Christian University.

In reference to the first we have already agreed to the organization of a committee or board here in America through which the churches whose missions have affiliated with the Kyodan (United Church) can function as one body. Steps will be taken shortly to form such an organization. In the meantime, we are working through the Japan Committee of the Foreign Mission Conference. Other boards are doing likewise.

In the matter of relief we look to the Church World Service, Inc. We recently inserted notices in our church periodicals, the Telescope and Watchword, announcing that relief packages of food, clothing and medicine can be sent to Japan and gave the names of pastors to whom such packages could be sent. We also released $2,500 for the purchase of surplus supplies of food and soap. Forty-six thousand dollars of such supplies were offered. They were immediately subscribed for by various boards. In addition to this, we sent $200 for relief through Dr. J. E. Knipp's friends.

In answering the third question, may I refer you to a letter from Dr. Paul S. Mayer, a member of the Evangelical Church and one of the six missionaries who was returned to Japan to help rehabilitate the work and give assistance and encouragement to the Japanese Church.

"Almost 500 church buildings and as many parsonages were destroyed during the war. More than 400 of these belonged to churches connected with the Kyodan. Japanese members of the 'Fukko Iin', Committee on Reconstruction, believe that some 300 of these should be provided with temporary church buildings. They worked out elaborate plans calling for the raising in Japan of some 50 million Yen and a grant of one million dollars from America. The first part of the plan became impossible on account of the freezing of Japanese bank deposits. Your Commission had felt all the time that the amount they proposed to ask of America was too much to put into temporary buildings, and that in many cases churches should be combined or even discontinued. However, your Commission became convinced that there are a number of places where the provision of temporary buildings is an absolute necessity. There are large cities like Hiroshima, Aomori, Fukui, Toyama, and Numazu where every church building was destroyed. There are large sections of Tokyo and other cities where not a single church is standing. In such places the progress of the Kingdom will be hindered seriously if places of worship are not provided. It is impossible to erect permanent buildings at the present time, both because of the shortage of materials and because of the prohibitive cost. Temporary buildings are expensive, but we feel that indefinite delay would be disastrous. The Japanese can and will do a great deal toward this building, but economic conditions make it impossible for them to do enough without help from the outside.

"In view of the above considerations, the Reconstruction Committee of the Kyodan, which includes all six of your commissioners, has unanimously passed the following two recommendations:

"I. That we ask the Church World Service for 25 Quonset Huts for emergency purposes. These buildings shall be considered temporary centers of interdenominational fellowship. Full consideration shall be given to the weekday community use of these buildings. The Joint Committee shall survey the places where there are emergency needs.

"II. That we ask the Foreign Missions Conference for the sum of three million Yen to aid the Kyodan in erecting temporary buildings where churches have been destroyed, subject to considerations to be determined by the Reconstruction Committee.

"The Quonset Huts will only begin to supply the urgent needs. We are recommending that the Foreign Missions Conference arrange to send to the Kyodan the sum of 3,000,000 Yen to aid in putting up other temporary church buildings which will also provide living places for the pastors and their families. At present exchange rates this will require $200,000, which does not seem to us too large an amount to ask of all the cooperating Boards for this purpose. However, if the exchange rate is altered, it may require far less in dollars. In that case we ask you to consider whether some of the saving to you caused by the more favorable rate might not be shared with the Japanese Church, especially as a fall in the exchange value of the Yen might result in some advance in the cost of building.

"The second action quoted above indicated that there are certain conditions or considerations to be worked out by the Reconstruction Committee. The following three considerations have been proposed by the Japanese themselves:

" '1. That at least an additional two million Yen be provided from Japanese sources for this purpose. (In other words the Japanese will pay at least 40% of the building cost.)

" '2. That the places be carefully chosen and passed upon by the Reconstruction Committee. (All six of us are members.)

" '3. That the amount of subsidy in each case be determined by the Reconstruction Committee.'

"In addition to the above, the Commission itself, today has decided to ask the Reconstruction Committee to give careful consideration to the following additional suggestions:

" '4. That no buildings be erected in locations where the church will be competing with another Kyodan Church.

" '5. That, where there were formerly more than one church in the community, as far as possible, these new buildings be used jointly either on a union basis or by having services at different hours.

" '6. That, as far as possible, the buildings be used also for week-day church and community activities.'

"The number of churches to be erected under this plan will depend upon the amount the Japanese can raise for themselves, the size of buildings erected, and the cost at the time. The smallest number suggested is thirty, but we believe many more can be put up, perhaps fifty in addition to the Quonset Huts. Thus we hope to have from fifty-five to seventy-five buildings, which should fill the needs in the most urgent places.

"This matter really requires haste. We are hoping that this letter will reach you before the September meeting of the Japan Committee and that

it can receive prompt attention. It will help us a great deal if you will cable your reply to these requests as soon as you can reach a decision. A favorable reply will give a great impetus and encouragement to the Japanese church and greatly stimulate their giving.

"We requested the Kyodan representatives to let us know what other items they had in mind which they wished to ask of you in the near future. They did not have time to make a very comprehensive study, but presented the following items:

For the three year evangelistic campaign	600,000 Yen
For repairs on the Kyodan Building	150,000 Yen
Total	750,000 Yen

Or $50,000 at present exchange rate.

"In regard to this we took the following action at a meeting of the Commission today:

" 'It was moved and carried that in response to the Kyodan request for USA assistance toward the 3 year Evangelistic Campaign and renovation of Kyodan office building, the request be passed on to the FMC with the promise that it will be given further study by the Commission.'

"Last week we had a meeting with representatives of the Kyodan Theological School. They are asking for aid next year to the amount of about $10,000. We will study further and report to you later."

The matter of rural work must wait further clarification. It was pointed out at the Yonkers' meeting that if the status of Japan is to be changed materially, we cannot neglect the rural areas. That is where the conservatism of Japan has its strongest hold. That is where the old traditions and beliefs have deepest rootage. It is also the area which has been grossly neglected in the past. We must evangelize rural Japan if we ever win the people to the Christian faith.

Mention was made of the fact also that democracy flourishes best where there is a strong evangelistic faith and a warm Christian atmosphere. The evangelical bodies were therefore urged to supplement what the military government was trying to do in teaching democracy by a strong active evangelistic movement. Otherwise they have no hope of democracy surviving.

Plans are on foot for the establishment of a Christian university where equipment, facilities and scholarship will equal anything the government can provide and yet where the Christian faith will be practiced and taught. This university is to be a memorial gift of love from the Christians in America to the Japanese people. The solicitation for these funds will be general. It is hoped that foundations and many public spirited citizens will contribute.

West Africa

The first regional conference planned for Africa was convened at Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo, July 13-24, 1946. Miss Mabel Beckley, a member of our staff attended the conference. Enroute she stopped to study the work which other missions are doing for native women. The Leopoldville Conference embraced what is known as West Central Africa. A conference is being planned now for the section on the bulge, known as West Africa. Sierra Leone is included in that area. We should plan to be well represented when it convenes.

Dr. Walter Schutz in his report to the Council and Conference last January, outlined a ten year policy for our West Africa Mission. It includes the following projects:

1. Enlarge Harford School according to the approved plans.
2. Develop and enlarge the industrial department at the Taiama schools.
3. Continue and extend our industrial program at Jaiama.
4. Gradually enlarge the ten community libraries established this past year.
5. Encourage youth camps and provide more visual education equipment.
6. Assist in the literacy campaign in Sierra Leone and help provide literature.
7. Enlarge work at the following stations manned by African workers, so it will be more on an equal with that at stations where missionaries are located—Bonthe, Shenghe, Yonibana.
8. Enlarge our medical work at Rotifunk, Taiama and Jaiama as soon as adequate medical staff can be provided.
9. Plan for the construction of a Mendi Church in Freetown.
10. Expand our work for women.
11. Study and plan a definite salary scale for African workers.
12. Promote preacher pension plan and encourage our teachers to join the government plan.
13. Encourage our students and teachers to prepare for government scholarships.
14. Expand our press and Christian literature work.
15. Cooperate and support regional conferences and other gatherings which strengthen and unite the Christian movement.

A request from the Board of Directors of Albert Academy was presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting in July. The matter was given further consideration by a special committee which will report later in this session. Mr. Richard Caulker, principal of the Academy, has served in that capacity for the past seven years. During his administration the enrollment has increased beyond any previous enrollment, and for the past several years the school has been operated without any appropriation from the foreign board. The income, however, is not large enough to provide for the material expansion necessary to meet these larger services. This matter should have our careful consideration.

The Council submits the following proposal relative to term of service in West Africa. "Since the term of service has not worked to the best interests of our missionaries serving here, as both experience and medical missionaries testify, it is proposed that the present regulations be changed from three years on the field and one year at home to twenty-seven months on the field and nine months on furlough." This matter is before you for your consideration.

A year ago this Board voted to return Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Musselman for a short term and to grant Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schutz furlough leave as soon after the close of the West Africa Conference in January, 1946, as transportation could be secured. The Board also voted to elect Rev. Schutz to succeed Rev. Musselman as superintendent of the West Africa Conference when he returned to the field in 1947.

When that action was taken, we did not have the opportunity of conferring with Rev. Schutz relative to his future plans. Ever since their boys attained school age, they have been left at home with relatives while Rev.

and Mrs. Schutz were on the field. They feel they have an obligation to these children which they can only discharge by giving them the sense of a real home here while they are still in school. For that reason, they have asked to be relieved from returning to the field this summer. The Board, therefore, must make arrangements for the supervision of the work.

Arrangements have been made by joint action of the Board of Bishops and the Executive Committee for Bishop Warner to visit the mission in West Africa this winter. We are pleased to announce that Bishop Warner has made plans for Mrs. Warner to accompany him at their own expense. They are scheduled to leave via Pan-American Air Lines, November 28.

Mr. Frank Anthony is doing excellent work in the teaching of agriculture at Bunumbu Union College. He could demonstrate more effectively the possibilities of agriculture if he had some simple equipment which would be an advance over what they have and yet not be impracticable for the farmers in Africa. If the world is to be better fed, America cannot do it alone. The people themselves must be taught how to grow better crops. One step in that direction is to teach them how to produce and use better tools in order to produce more food. Mr. Anthony is prepared to do this if a way can be found to provide the necessary implements. I recommend that this matter be given special consideration during the year.

China

A comprehensive report has been prepared by Dr. Frank Oldt. Accompanying the report are the findings of the Mission Council meeting held at Palmyra, Pennsylvania, last May. These are sufficient to give a clear picture of our work and its needs. Missionaries and mission administrators have made a thorough study of the whole China field. Their main findings are

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Richard Caulker, Harry Zech, Miss Janet Gilbert
J. Edgar Knipp, Peter Wong

set forth in the report of the All-China Conference held in New York, April 23-26, 1946.

The officials of the Kwangtung Synod have given us a very comprehensive report of their plans for reconstructing and expanding the work in South China. It is available for the committee on missions in China.

I recommend that Dr. C. W. Shoop be appointed treasurer of the China Mission and that he be granted power of attorney to transact the official and legal business of said office.

Philippines

A year ago the outlook for the united Evangelical movement in the Islands was not promising, but the atmosphere has cleared and the skies look very promising now. Rev. O. G. Fonceca said in a recent letter, "I have good news for you. . . . We are very happy that church union is coming closer and closer toward the goal for which we have been striving. A committee composed of three church leaders from our Evangelical Church, three from the United Evangelical Church, and three from the Philippine Methodist Church is now functioning, laying the ground for the holding of the General Assemblies of the three bodies. Definite proposals for the union are now being studied by the committee. Our Conference is ready to accept these proposals, so are the others we are told. . . . By May the three General Assemblies will meet separately to adopt the proposals and approve the union. This will be followed immediately by the convening of the uniting General Assembly which will proclaim the merger. It will be called the United Church of Christ in the Philippines." We rejoice at this good news and pray for its consummation.

A carefully prepared report was submitted by Rev. C. C. Witmer who is supervising the reconstruction of our work. One item however needs our attention. In order to give him more time for this general work, I recommend that Rev. Don Falkenberg be elected treasurer and be given such powers as are necessary for transacting the business of said office.

The Christian Education Association of the Islands has set up a three year program and has asked the cooperating boards to help underwrite its budget. This request should be referred to the committee on missions in the Philippines and the committee on appropriations.

Deputation to Missions in Asia

In harmony with our action a year ago the Board of Bishops and the Executive Committee arranged for a visit to our mission fields in Asia. The deputation, as arranged by these two bodies, is to be composed of Bishop Dennis and the General Secretary. The time for the visit will be determined after plans for the Advance and Rehabilitation campaign are completed and arrangements for the uniting of the various mission boards have been made.

The West Indies

At the July meeting of the Executive Committee, Miss Laura Hunter was appointed missionary to Puerto Rico. She will give special attention to Christian Education for children and to Sunday School work. At present, Miss Hunter is in Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford taking special work in Christian Education. She is a graduate of Fredonia Normal School, New York, and has had several years' experience in public school work.

In 1908, Rev. and Mrs. C. I. Mohler went to Puerto Rico as missionaries under our Board. They gave faithful and efficient service until 1925 when the Board contemplated reducing its staff. The Congregational mission was in need of a family for their mission and requested his services. The Board released Rev. Mohler and since then he and Mrs. Mohler have been connected with the Congregational Mission. In January, 1931, the Christian mission, the Congregational mission and the United Brethren mission were united to form the Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico. Since then these three missions have been administered as one mission, with one treasurer and one general assembly. During the absence of our representative Rev. Mohler is in charge of our end of the Conference and during his absence our man looks after their end of the work. Mr. Mohler, therefore, has intimate association with our work as well as with the Congregational.

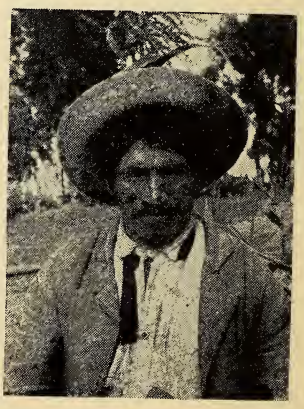
He will retire after another term. His service in the Congregational Church has earned him a pension of $414. They asked whether, in view of Rev. Mohler's connection with our work, we could supplement this with a certain allowance. The request seems reasonable in view of their long and faithful service to both missions. I therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Santo Domingo

Twenty-six years ago the Board for Christian Work in Santo Domingo was organized and work begun in the capital city of the Dominican Republic. The work has grown and today we have the most outstanding piece of Protestant work in the Republic. This is true especially of our hospital. While the work has grown, our appropriations have not increased greatly. Our estimated receipts from the three cooperating boards are: Presbyterian, $22,300; Methodist, $16,766; United Brethren, $4,000. This is not enough to meet the costs of operation today.

The Board of Christian Work asks that we supplement this amount with and additional $1,000. The Board asks also that in view of its financial situation, a Deficit and Reserve Fund of $10,000 be set up, responsibility for raising the same to be assigned to the cooperating boards in the following ratio: Presbyterian, $4,000, Methodists, $4,000; United Brethren, $2,000.

We are beginning to see larger results in the field of native leadership. In September, Mr. Morgan sent a young Dominican to Union Seminary in Puerto Rico. He is a graduate of the University of Santo Domingo and has served as pastor at San Pedro de Moceris for a few years. The costs, including his transportation, will approximate $600. Dr. Morgan asks us to aid in the education of the young man. I recommend that this item and the preceding two items on Santo Domingo be referred to the Appropriations Committee.



Andean Indian

Andean Indian Mission

A year ago Dr. Earl C. Merrick, missionary under the Canadian Baptist Mission, was loaned to the United Andean Indian Mission for a period of two years. He had remarkable success as a former missionary among the Indians

of Bolivia. In February, 1946, he located a suitable farm on which to begin the work. The farm is in North Ecuador. Associated with him are Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Streich of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, one of the cooperating bodies. The mission needs larger capital funds with which to purchase more land and equipment. A very attractive leaflet was prepared by Secretary Rycroft and will be distributed throughout the Church during our publicity period this spring.

Radio for Latin America

The Mission Boards of the Evangelical Churches are raising $100,000 for broadcasting the Evangelical message in Latin America. Great interest has been manifested in this project. Eight denominations subscribed a total of $47,400. The prospects of raising the total amount are very promising. We have had a small part in this enterprise. For the present, the committee in charge plans to set up recording studios where transcriptions of good Evangelical programs can be made and distributed to local stations.

Committee of Eighteen

August 15 and 16 the Committee of Eighteen, nine from each of the two uniting churches, met in Dayton to consider plans for unifying the work of the various departments and boards included in the new set-up for missions under the United Church. These were two very profitable days. While there are many problems in administration which must be worked out, it was the candid opinion of the committee that satisfactory solutions could be found for each one if we gave careful study to them. The Committee recommended that we begin the uniting of our work January 1, 1947, and that the Executive Committee convene January 2-4, 1947, in Dayton, Ohio, and a meeting of the entire Board, February 4-6, in Dayton, also.

The Joint Committee recommended that the legal unification of the several organizations which will be merged to form the Board of Missions of the Evangelical United Brethren Church be effective as of January 1, 1947.

In view of this fact the following resolution is presented for your consideration:

Resolved:

1. That the present officers of the Board be continued as the officers of this Board until their successors are elected or a full transfer of all assets are made and the existing corporation is finally dissolved.
2. That the officers of the Board be, and hereby are, empowered to fiix the time of unification and make all necessary arrangements for the transfer of property and assets, except such as are needed to carry on the present corporation or cannot be legally transferred.
3. That a complete audit of the assets of the Board be made as of the time of the unification and transfer.

Conclusion

In concluding this, my twenty-sixth annual report and the last report of the Foreign Missionary Society, I want to express this word of appreciation. For twenty-six years I have had the privilege of directing the work of this great department. It was no mean responsibility. I tried to be faithful and as efficient as possible in my work, yet I am aware of marked errors

along the way. I have not seen them all. No man does, for it is difficult for one to see his own mistakes. I am no exception. You know them better than I, yet you have been tolerant and considerate of my efforts. Some of you have been courageous enough to point out my mistakes. I appreciate you all the more for it. The first among these is the one who shared in this work most intimately, although she has not often been in evidence—my companion. We have enjoyed every bit of time we gave to the task committed to us. The fellowship was delightful. The presence of many of you as guests in our home brought great enrichment to our children and joy to us. We can only pray that our fellowship may have enriched your life.

An Appreciation

To those who served with such devotion in the office; to members of the Executive Committee and Board who counseled so wisely; to fellow officials and bishops who gave of time and effort to help promote the interests of the department; to the faithful and devoted missionaries; to the loyal nationals without whose labors there would be no young church abroad; to the host of pastors and laymen; and to the gallant officers, trustees and leaders of the Women's Missionary Association without whose contribution our work would be paralyzed, I want to express my sincere appreciation. You have been great associates. May God bless and prosper the work He has given each of you to do.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins,

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Ziegler, General Secretary.

A BRIEF REVIEW

To the President and members of the
Foreign Mission Board of the
United Brethren Church:

As I make this brief report of my activities of the past year, I am conscious of not what has been done but of so many tasks yet to do for the Master. We are living in days of rapidly moving events and there is an urgency about the Christian message for our day. One writer has expressed the feeling by saying, "Our time is running out," so stronger than ever before comes the challenge to be about "Our Father's business."

This has been a year of beginnings for me as I entered the duties of my office as Associate Secretary and I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. S. G. Ziegler for his willing and helpful counsel in introducing me to the varied interests of the work. Always ready to share his time and lend the sympathetic ear, he has beeen a true friend and co-worker for the cause of Christ. Miss Emma Spahr likewise has proven her assistance in helping me to become acquainted with the work. It is a known fact that needs to be mentioned that every missionary of the Board very quickly learns to depend upon Miss Spahr for a multitude of interests in the Mission program. To these and other friends, I am most grateful.

The Missionary Crusade

The most important work of our Mission Boards in recent years stressing home cultivation is the Missionary Education Crusade. To visit every one of the 2748 churches of the denomination is no small task and it has required careful and cooperative planning to keep the program moving. During the past year, missionary teams have presented the cause of the Crusade to the churches of the Pacific area, the Southwest area and a portion of the Northwest area. The time schedule for the completion of the Northwest area is by the middle of next year and work in the Central area is to follow immediately. As the Crusade comes into the larger conferences, it will require more time and personnel to complete the work. It has been my privilege to share in the work in four different conferences: Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota. The response of the ministers and members has been encouraging as they shared in the services and

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enlisted the prayers, lives and finances of the Church in the interest of Missions.

"Yes, we have missionaries but we have never seen them," many of the people said, "however, now with the coming of the Crusade, our own missionaries have visited us and we feel we are a part of world missions." That has been the experience of many church members. To lift the vision from the local community to our responsibility in the World Church is a worthy goal of the Crusade. Members of the staff and missionaries on furlough have given cheerfully of their time and energy to further the cause. The effort expended in selecting teams, preparing schedules, writing and producing literature has been well repaid with the awakening of our church to the opportunities of the hours.

Missionary Personnel

When consecrated young people respond to the Master's Call to serve in far places and say, "Here am I, send me," they have made the most important decision of their lives. For them, at least, it is the most important decision in the world. They want to talk about it. They want to have all the information they can possibly secure about the field of their choice, not in an impersonal way but from one who shares their enthusiasm and zeal. We must never underestimate the importance of these beginnings, for by them the new missionaries set the chart for their career away from home.

What are the people like? How do they live? Is the language difficult? What will be our special work? From questions like these to questions about personal and home affairs the list continues. It has been my privilege to have such a relationship with a number of our new appointees to Africa, China, and the Philippines during the year, giving them counsel on further training and interpreting to them, as best I can, the significance of their place in the Christian World Order. This is only one phase of the missionary personnel work; another part is the cultivation of Life Work Recruits in high schools and colleges by visitation and personal interview, then following the individuals through their training up to the actual appointment and departure for the field.

The visitation of our United Brethren Colleges by representatives of the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board has become an annual occasion. Several of the colleges have placed this visitation on the regular school program and use it as a stimulus for the Student Friendship Project. This past year Mrs. Leora Nagel, Miss Ruth Miller, Rev. Lorin Stine and I divided this responsibility. At each college young men and women made use of the personal interview period for counsel regarding their life work—all phases of Christian service were stressed, not the missionary appeal alone, for we realize the Church must have strong leaders at home, too. Plans for a similar visit in January, 1947, are now in progress.

Interdenominational Activities

I have represented the Foerign Mission Board at the sessions of the Missionary Education Movement at which time the total literature program of this cooperative effort is projected and planned for the years ahead. Our United Brethren Church has a contribution in this united undertaking that

serves all denominations and I am thankful for the privilege of counsel and fellowship with the group.

The Philippine Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference has also been one of my assignments for the year. During the absence of Dr. Higdon, the Chairman, from this country on an extended tour of the Orient, I have been elected Acting Chairman to direct the activities of the Committee during the next six months.

Other denominational activities in which I have been invited to participate have been the Young People's Conference, the Brotherhood Coaching Conference, a number of the annual conferences, summer camps, W. M. A. branch meetings and institutes.

I want to express my gratitude to the Ministers and layworkers of the churches I have visited for their hospitality and the strengthening of the Christian fellowship. The total program of the church is our concern, for we realize we must move forward together to meet the demands of our world. Christ and His saving Grace is our answer to a needy world and to live that truth we dedicate our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl B. Eschbach, Associate Secretary

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

To the Board of Directors, Foreign Missionary Society:

The Women's Missionary Association, under the quadrennial theme, "Thy Kingdom Come . . . on Earth," is seeking this year to give special emphasis to our sacred partnership with Christ in Kingdom service. We have as our scriptural reminder the words of Jesus, "We must work the works of Him that sent me" (American). These words carry not only the idea of partnership but also of urgency. We believe that *now* is the time when it

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is necessary for us to take seriously our part in the task of world evangelism by faithfully fulfilling our Christian stewardship. This emphasis is in keeping with Stewardship Year which is being promoted in all denominations in 1946-47.

In accordance with the stewardship emphasis, an unusual number of stewardship classes have been or are being held; many books on that theme are being used in the reading course; special attention is being given to it in the institute programs through the methods' period and the presentation of a stewardship playlet; and the April and September issues of the Evangel have carried special articles of stewardship information and inspiration. We are also cooperating in the promotion of the reading of the denominational booklet, "Christian Stewardship," and are urging the use of our Manuals of Spiritual Living. More than 26,000 of the women's manual and 9,000 of the girls' manual have been sold. We trust they are being used as a guide to deepening the spiritual life. This emphasis on spiritual enrichment we believe is fundamental to the strengthening and extension of our work. The months and years ahead will prove how effective our stewardship study has been for as we catch a new vision of partnership with Christ, increased giving and activity will be the tangible result.

According to our latest reports, the total membership of the Association is 68,918 and the number of societies, 2405; a net gain over the figures reported to you just a year ago of 1563 members and 61 societies. We also report a new increase in Evangel subscriptions, the number being approximately 33,000.

Last year we reported that our W. M. A. Day and Thank Offerings were the largest in our history. We are glad that we can make the same report this year. The W. M. A. Day offering of the year ending in March was $69,-870.45, an increase of $7,473.32 over that of last year. Half of this offering was given to the Foreign Missionary Society for World Literacy and Christian Literature. We are happy to share thus in this program which we have been led by Dr. Frank Laubach to see is a postwar must. The Thank Offering which is used for evangelistic and educational work in all of our fields was $89,985.49, an increase of $7,821.18. The total amount paid to the Foreign Missionary Society for the year ending in March 1946 was $211,717.83, a net increase of $33,440.76. We rejoice in these increased offerings because we know they make possible the strengthening and enlargement of our missionary work around the world.

We are happy to have a share in the Missionary Education Crusade. Miss Mary McLanachan, Mrs. Leora Nagel and I have each given some time to the Crusade in the field as well as to its planning. We appreciate the help of Miss Bell and other branch workers and of the missionaries who are sharing in it. We feel this is a very worthwhile project. Testimonies from all conferences where the Crusade has been put on are to the effect that great good for the local church and the world wide program of missions has been accomplished. This fall in four of the conferences the institutes and Crusade were combined effectively. We pledge our continued support as the Crusade is carried on in other conferences.

The spirit of helpfulness is evidenced in the increasing interest on the part of individuals, societies and branches in special projects. Not a week goes by without receiving requests for information about financial and relief projects. Hundreds of boxes have been sent to the Philippines and to

China, thousands of pounds of food and clothing to Europe and now that the way is opened up, interest in sending the specified supplies to Japan is evidenced.

We have continued our cooperation with the Foreign Missions Conference, the Home Missions Council, the Missionary Education Movement and the United Council of Church Women, feeling that together Christians must face and meet the challenge of the day. We have recently sent to each local president the program for World Community Day, November 1, sponsored by the United Council. We trust that hundreds of our women will avail themselves of the opportunity to study with other Christian women, "The Price of Enduring Peace," and will share with them also in preparing and sending "Kiddie Kits."

It has been a pleasure, as always, to work with Dr. S. G. Ziegler and his associates in the Foreign Missionary Society. We have experienced also the finest cooperation on the part of all of the missionaries. It is impossible to express adequately the impetus which the messages of the missionaries, printed and spoken, give to our work. To all we express our deepest appreciation.

Our staff remains the same with the exception of Miss Ruth Miller, who closed her work as Otterbein Guild Secretary, September 1. For four years Miss Miller gave fine leadership to the Otterbein Guild work. Her influence will continue as the girls, whom her life has touched, gave themselves to the missionary task of the Church. Our interest and best wishes go with her in her new tasks. Due to the merger, no one will be elected at present to fill this vacancy.

This year has brought to some of us many opportunities for fine fellowship with the leaders of the Evangelical Church as plans for the Youth Fellowship and the Women's Society of World Service have been formulated. Many of the plans and details of our missionary organization are yet to be worked out. For this purpose a planning conference of branch presidents, trustees and the Evangelical council, the staff of both and the new council to be elected by General Conference is proposed for December 10 to 12 at First Church, Dayton. We covet your prayers as the program of the united organization is formulated. For several months some women of both Churches have been working together on a series of eight programs to be used in the monthly missionary meetings of the Women's Society of World Service beginning with January. The theme is "Partners in a World Mission" and the basis of study is our combined missionary work at home and abroad. We feel that the sooner we do things together and use the same materials, the more quickly we will experience a feeling of oneness.

A great day is ahead of us as we join hands with the missionary forces of the Evangelical Church and in partnership with Christ fulfill our stewardship of the gospel and press on to greater accomplishments as we seek to make real the Kingdom of God on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gilbert, General Secretary

THE CHURCH IN WEST AFRICA

The year 1946 was marked by unusual activity in the West Africa Mission. From the very beginning of the year emphasis was brought to bear on the various departments and the work was pushed forward with vigor and enthusiasm. A lengthy report could be written about the work of each department of the mission; namely church, school, hospital and industrial activities.

During the initial months of the year much attention was given to the large building program. New school houses were under construction at Kumrabai Mamilla, Yonibana, Ronietta, Makundu, Moyamba, and Yengema, while extensive repairs were being made to the school building at Bonthe. A few of these buildings have been completed while work on others was retarded because of lack of materials. Work on the church building at Jaiama has come to a standstill because the fund has been exhausted. At this writing the pastor informs me that another effort is being made to collect funds locally in order that the work may be brought to completion. The first effort netted £60.0.0 and absent members of the church are being solicited to bring the amount up to £100.0.0 which will help very materially in bringing the building to completion.

The larger building projects have not yet been launched, because we have been waiting for the builder whom we thought would be sent from America to supervise and oversee their construction. With the multitude of details on hand each day, the General Superintendent or his Deputy cannot devote sufficient time to keep the work at distant points moving satisfactorily on a major building project.

Community Welfare Work

The new Colonial Development Plan calls for increased activity in every department of the work in order that as much progress as possible be made on the ten-year program. The Welfare work is indirectly under the Government and the Educational Department.

An advisory committee was formed and young people were selected to go to England for specialized training. Two young men and one young woman were sent to form the initial group of trained workers for the program which was being formulated. A welfare officer was sent from England to supervise the work. The following organizations in Freetown were enlisted: Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys Brigade, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Youth Fellowships and kindred organizations. Subjects which received serious attention were Juvenile Delinquency, Work among Girls, Youth Camps, Youth Councils, and Community Centers. This organized work has a telling effect on the lives of young people in our schools and our churches, and we give our support wherever possible to the movement which we know will elevate the young life of Sierra Leone. We miss no opportunity of making the work as deeply religious on every side as time and opportunity affords.

Work in the Churches

A new day has dawned for Africa and the church must be alive to the opportunities that are hers today. We must plant the church in many new centers so the people will have every advantage of the organized church in their community to shape their lives under Christian influence, cast their

Rev. David Caulker, Rev. W. J. Kessambo, West Africa

lights far into the future of a better and greater Africa. To educate men apart from religious truth is most undesirable. As ambassadors for God, we must keep in mind the great commission and urge men and women everywhere to accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.

Christian education is a part of every school curriculum. There are instruction classes in the churches where men, women and children receive instruction as to the claims of Christ upon their lives and the value of the various departmental activities of the church. We desire every member of the church to be an enlightened member and one fully conscious of the opportunities that await lay workers to assist in building up the church of Christ. The Sunday School, Endeavor Societies, Youth Camps, Day Schools, Albert Academy, Harford School, Bunumbu Union College, Theological Institute, and Fourah Bay College all contribute to the building of Christian character and training for service in the church.

Marked improvement has been made in the subject of Christian stewardship and many of our members are contributing more largely to the support of the gospel. We have not attained perfection, by any means, but we are moving forward in the strength and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to give full account of our stewardship. For many years we have been trying to hold our own, but we must branch out and claim more and more of the unoccupied territory, in that portion of Sierra Leone which has been allocated to our mission. It is not difficult to visualize a hundred new villages coming under the spell of the gospel if our staff is strengthened and every worker accepts his share of the responsibility to pass on to others and share with them the good things of the Lord.

Work in the Schools

More than four thousand boys and girls can claim a great deal of time and attention, but all the time given to them is eminently worthwhile. More than two hundred teachers give of their time to make it possible for

the children to have a fair chance. The "Oversea Education," a journal of educational experiment and research in tropical areas, published an article in the April number this year, which contained a criticism of the educational policy of West Africa, by one B. A. Shattock, who spent five years in West Africa and saw active service in Burma with the West Africa troops. The writer called attention to education that was obtained in West Africa as being both misdirected and unsound and should never have been allowed to develop along lines it has followed. He also stated that educational authorities, majestically supported by Achimota and its kindred institutions, spreading from Gambia to the Cameroons, deviate not one iota from the policy of turning out an endless stream of semi-literates whose education is judged solely from their ability to pass an examination. This criticism may have something in its favor, but the fact should be borne in mind that at the beginning of education in Africa, missionaries wanted teachers and catechists and government and commercial firms wanted clerks. They were produced to meet the demands in the early days. The saturation point seems to have been reached and now agriculture and vocational training are coming into force, and the educational institutions are becoming a part of the community by fitting into the social, economic, and religious life of the individual. There will always be some white collar jobs to fill because of illness and retirement, but, more and more, the young people must return to the farms, and education must be taken to the villages if we are to produce a society of cultured, responsible citizens.

Visiting deputations have come and gone. Each has added its quota of suggestions, namely welfare, education, medicine, and elaborate programs of various sorts, but these plans and programs will have to pass through the sifting process. Whatever remains will become the pattern of larger plans for the development of West Africa, providing sufficient staff and money are forthcoming to put into practice the results of months of research work.

The Work of Healing

Lack of sufficient staff has affected the work of the Medical Department. Experience has taught us that every doctor should have the complement of a nurse. Emergencies very often arise that make it rather difficult for a doctor to cope with the situation single handed. This year we have one nurse on the field when there should be at least three. I believe there are sufficient consecrated nurses in our church that if an urgent call is made there will be volunteers for the existing vacancies. Rotifunk and Jaiama are widely separated areas with Taiama midway between. There is sufficient reason for a medical center at Taiama and we sincerely hope the subject will be taken up seriously. When these situations are viewed from the home side they present one picture but when the existing need is faced day after day, the picture presents a vastly different side.

When Dr. John Karefa Smart arrived on the field, the medical committee took action to have him visit and work at each of the three medical centers for a period of three months and bring his findings to the annual conference. When this report is received, the committee will contact the home board with the information the report contains. Dr. Smart is due at Rotifunk but the failure of our missionaries to get here keeps him in Jaiama for the present.

The Intermissions Conference

The conference held this year was pronounced the best of its kind since the organization. The program was largely made up of papers and discussions by the younger group. The subject "The Needs and Development of Village Life and Work" was presented by Professor Frank S. Anthony. "The Blessings and Value of Medical Missions" was presented by Dr. J. Karefa Smart. Both these young men made a big contribution to the work of the conference. It was very largely a young people's conference filled with suggestions and workable methods for the advancement of the work.

The conference was made up of representatives from all the Protestant missionary societies operating in Sierra Leone. The younger element succeeded in effecting an organization to be operated by the young men and women but to be affiliated with the regular organization.

A Forward Look

The territory for which we, as a mission, are responsible should be more fully occupied before any new or advanced work is attempted among neighboring tribes. The work in Kissi country which had such a fine beginning but which, after a few years was closed, should be reopened and work be done in real earnest. The five Kissi stations were closed and no work is being done to bring the gospel to the Kissi people except that a few boys have been brought from Kissi country and placed in the school at Jaiama.

Kundowako, Sandaru, Saiama, Koadu Kamiendo should be reopened and in order that closer supervision be given to this work, Kainkordu station should be made a Central Station. Within a few years other stations should be opened. A family living at Kainkordu could easily look after and supervise the work. There are waiting towns in Kono country that should have a worker. At least one station per year should be added to our list of Kono stations. In Upper Mende country there should be closer supervision and better contact between Kono and Mende country. The town of Panguma which is midway between the two tribes should be made a Central Station. This town has great possibilities. I feel very strongly that it could become

Railroad Station West Africa

one of our important stations. One new station, at least, should be opened in Mende country each year during the ten-year program.

Our work should be strengthened in the Sherbro country. Shenge should be made a larger center from which aggressive work should be carried forward. If not Shenge, then another station in the Sherbro country should be strengthened and outstations built up. An advance program of building has been put on in Temne country but a survey should be made of this tribe to ascertain whether or not there are large towns where work should be established.

What of the Ten Year Program?

We should be making forward steps in our ten-year program. It is one thing to have adequate buildings at our central stations but it is quite another thing to bring up all the work to a higher point of efficiency. I would like to suggest the following for consideration for our work both here and in America:

1. That a survey be made by the Medical Committee and the same be reported to the Home Board for action as soon as received by the annual conference. We urge further that sympathetic and wholehearted support be given this survey.

2. That a survey be made of every station to ascertain the possibilities of better and closer organization, and that this work be given our very best and most serious consideration.

3. That we aim at the following increase in our work during the ten-year program and begin with the opening of the new year, 1947:

a. A church organized where there is no church.

b. A twenty-five per cent increase in Communicant membership and fifty per cent increase in Seeker membership.

c. That the Young People's work be reorganized in the Sunday School and Endeavor Societies and that Rev. Solomon B. Caulker be chairman of the Board of Christian Education and Mrs. Solomon B. Caulker have charge of the Junior work.

d. That there be a twenty-five per cent increase in the enrollment of the Sunday Schools. A thirty-five per cent increase in the Junior Endeavor. Twenty per cent increase in the Intermediate Endeavor and a twenty per cent increase in the Senior Society.

e. That we increase our list of Life Work Recruits to 200.

f. That a Nurses' Training Center be established at one of our medical centers.

g. That 200 additional tithers be added to our list of tithers.

h. That twenty-five new ministers be added to our ministerial list.

Recommendations

1. That Dr. Huscher be replaced by another doctor in case she is not in position to return to the field.

2. That at least three nurses be kept permanently on our staff of nurses.

3. That Panguma and Kainkordu be made Central Stations with a missionary family at each place as soon as possible.

4. That a station wagon be purchased for Jaiama.

5. That the hospital at Rotifunk be rebuilt as soon as the Sierra Leone Medical Department produces fifty per cent of the estimated cost of the building.

6. That Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schutz be returned to the work as General Superintendent and wife as soon as they are in position to return.

7. That relief be sent to replace the missionaries who are due to return to America next year.

8. We wish to extend our keen appreciation to the Mission Board for our support and for their kind consideration for our needs and welfare during the year.

Conclusion

I wish to register my personal appreciation of the Missionaries and workers, both American and African, for the admirable way they cooperated in the work of the mission throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

J. F. Musselman

ADVANCE IN CHINA

It is now more than a year since the surrender of Japan and almost a year since the Synod moved back to Canton into the postwar period for which so much wartime planning was done. This report will mention briefly something of what has been done during the year, something of the present situation, what some of the problems are, what decisians must be made and what policies formed in regard to educational and medical institutions and the Church.

When I arrived in Canton on December 27, 1945, Lingnan University and Medical School, Union Theological College, Union Normal School, True Light and Pui Ying Middle Schools had already come back and were fully started on their first year's school work. The Honan church was going well and the Coover Dispensary had been reopened. The Synod was among the first to get back.

The outstanding feature of these was that all had had their problems and "headaches" but were making good progress in rehabilitation.

One thing must be made clear which both Board and missionaries must understand and recognize. Familiar prewar names, institutions and organizations will be mentioned. Their continuity with the prewar period is established or being established, yet there is a new setting, a new layout, new relationships and new values, and there must be a basic readjustment to all. All must be careful not to have hearts set on restoring things as they were but be prepared with open minds to plan and build on new lines, forgetting without regret, much of the prewar past.

Educational

Under this head will be discussed Union Theological College, Union Normal School, Pui Ying Middle School, Miller Seminary and Lingnan University.

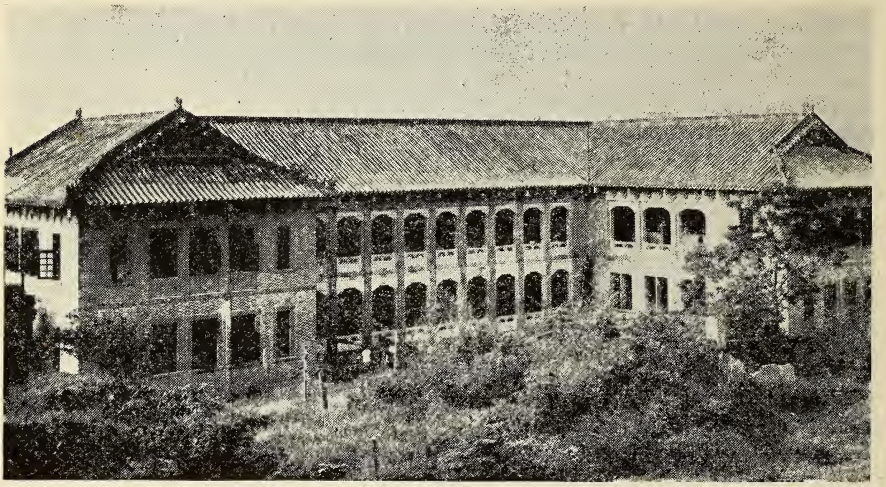
Union Theological College: This school, after evacuating from Kukong and after many vicissitudes, reached Canton shortly after V-J day. In Kukong they were cooperating with Lingnan University on the Lingnan campus at Sin Yan Mui. On their return to Canton they did not go to their old site at Paak Hok Tung but moved onto the Lingnan campus, occupying the former Silk Reconstruction buildings. The combining of the Theological College with Lingnan has not yet had the approval of all the cooperating mission boards but plans for the college to have its permanent home on the campus are going forward. The University has allocated a good site for the college.

At present, the Pui Ying Middle School which had some of their buildings destroyed, is occupying the three U.T.C. buildings at Paak Hok Tung. These buildings could be disposed of and proceeds used for new buildings on Lingnan campus.

One of the questions under discussion in regard to the merger is that entrance requirements and teaching standards must be those of Lingnan. That makes a problem of what to do about Sung Kei Bible School for Women and a lower grade short term school to be provided for.

The buildings used at present are well adapted to the purpose of the college. There is a good staff of teachers and under the circumstances the college is doing very well.

Union Normal School: This school, after spending the war years in Macao, was able to move successfully to Canton last fall in time to start the new school year. This moving was no small feat and was done at no small cost. The rehabilitation of the school and repairs, although building is very costly, have been well done under the capable management of the principal, Miss Liu Fung Ling. They have more than 600 students. Formerly the government did not permit them to run a Normal School except kindergarten. That prohibition is now removed. One of their needs is a music teacher and it is expected that the United Brethren will supply one. Knowledge of Chinese language is not required before beginning work. The help of the Board to supply funds for repair of the U. B. Building is much appreciated.



United Brethren Hall, Union Normal School

Pui Ying Middle School: This school also came back from exile in time to start the year's work in Canton. It found some of its buildings destroyed and all more or less damaged. With the use of the three buildings of the U.T.C., the school has been carrying on. It has had severe financial difficulties but has successfully passed each crisis and, though living hand to mouth, is still going strong and doing good work. There has been some consideration given to locating Rev. Charles Ashley in this school on his arrival.

Miller Seminary: The buildings were occupied during the war by a local middle school under the principalship of Mr. Lau Lap Fu, and for this reason suffered little damage other than that caused by time and lack of repair. This school, at the end of the term this summer, vacated the buildings. A certain amount of equipment was also saved. The Synod is now undertaking the opening of Miller Seminary. A Board of Directors has been appointed and steps taken to register. The ground work for this has been laid. There is no doubt the Government will approve. There now remains (no slight job) the details of going through the necessary formalities and red tape.

The school is to be opened for day pupils only the first semester, and there will be 300 pupils. The tuition fees are ridiculously low and are ut-

terly inadequate to meet the expense of running the school. This is why there is a request for such a large appropriation for the school this semester. Next semester arrangements will be made for taking in boarding students from out of town and more adequate fees will be charged.

The taking in of local day students is not the main duty of the school. The large middle schools of Canton are only able to take care of about one-tenth of all applicants, and high fees are charged. This shuts out many of the children of under-salaried workers of the Synod for middle school education. The care for these, and other worthy applicants, is one of the chief responsibilities of Miller Seminary. Fees just under the Canton schools' rates and scholarships for needy, worthy students, will lighten very much for the Synod the burden of financing the school and of the Board for underwriting it.

The cost for repairs and new equipment will need a grant of about U.S. $2,000 from the Mission while another $1,000 at least will be needed for running expenses the first semester. This is approximate. The exact figures of the estimate is in the budget prepared by the Synod. But for the second semester, the new fees should make it necessary for only a moderate amount of subsidy to come from the Synod or the Board. Next semester, care should be taken in selecting boarding students so that the majority of students are earnest Christians and of good scholarship. The school must retain its past reputation for scholarship and character building.

If the Board thinks that the school should charge low fees and be for the benefit of local folks primarily, then it must be prepared to make a large appropriation each year.

Lingnan University: This undenominational Christian University was the first of the large universities to return home from refugeeing in free China and has gone far in rehabilitation. It has a great influence in South China and has persisted in remaining a private institution despite great temptation and pressure to become a National Government University. It feels its great mission as a Christian university is to keep its international aspect as a means for cultivating cordial cultural relations between China and other countries.

Other than through the Medical College and the U.T.C., the United Brethren Church is for the first time to take a part in the work of the university. The Knechts will have an assignment in the university to teach 6 hours history or sociology and to do religious work among students. This will be a great opportunity for Mr. Knecht to help make the leaders of future China Christians and of strong character.

Medical

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Medical College of Lingnan University: All during the war a junior staff of Canton Hospital kept it going. Being put out of their building on the Bund and Yan Tsai Street, they moved three times during the war and when V-J day came, moved back home. Almost at the same time, what was left of the Medical School after moves to Hong Kong, to Kukong, and a refugee wandering through East Kwangtung, came back and together with the hospital group, opened the Medical School. It has just finished the first year and is getting ready for the next year.

During the last four years two objectives for Christian Medical work in China were attained—one for all China, one for South China. One was that

the status of Christian medical institutions be defined for the new post-war China and that it include government recognition of private hospitals with freedom to do Christian work and have a recognized part in the planned program for medical service for China. The other objective was to have this exemplified in a specific instance, particularly the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Medical College of Lingnan University. The former was secured when Dr. P. Z. King, Director of the National Health Administration, issued a statement approved by the Executive Yuan. Copies of this statement were circulated and were accessible to every Mission Board. Now for the second objective. The National Health Administration early decided that Canton was to be one of the great medical centers in China and that a National Central Hospital of 500 beds be started there. The Lingnan University had been long desiring Dr. T. A. Li to be the Dean of the Medical College. While he was considering this invitation, hesitating to accept because of the large amount of money needed to run a medical school, he received another offer. Dr. P. Z. King, Director of the National Health Administration, offered him the post of Superintendent of the Canton Central hospital suggesting that he should do it concurrently with the post of Dean of Lingnan Medical College, and the Canton Central hospital be affiliated with the Medical School, which should have the responsibility of training medical personnel for South China. Dr. Li arrived in Canton in January to take up these two posts. The Church both here and abroad should appreciate the significance of this unique set-up and get back of it. The Government is asking a Christian private institution to undertake for it the training of medical personnel for South China, and is materially backing it. The Medical School, then, has three strong hospitals, two are private Christian institutions, Hackett Medical Center and Canton Hospital, and one Government, Canton Central Hospital, with a combined capacity of more than 1000 beds. Already there are collected here as heads of departments many of the top men in their respective fields. The question arises, what of the Christian character of the institution as it emerges as one of the great medical centers of China and the world. The answer is still in the future, but it depends on the Church and Mission Boards. Will they put enough men and material resources in it to keep the Christian element predominant, so that medical service in South China be Christian in spirit and motivation?

The Church of Christ in China with the various cooperating boards have more than ten hospitals in this region. The Synod has a medical committee and a medical secretary to advise and shape its medical policy. There should be an affiliation of these hospitals with the medical school, that they may work in an unified way to build a medical service for China. Our Siu Lam and Honam medical work can be the ones to show the way to others.

Honam Medical Work: Dr. Hoh who had this work before the war was back early and, with the backing of the Synod and the Honam Church, started work. It is still on a temporary basis working in the Coover Dispensary. The plan of making it part of the Medical School is still in the talking stage. Steps are being taken to get back the Beth Eden Compound.

Siu Lam Medical: The Ramsburg Memorial Hospital suffered the most damage of all our Mission and Church institutions. The Olivet residence and the outpatient department on the temple site and the kitchen are completely flattened out. The main building and nurses' dormitory were completely stripped, only walls, roof, floor, and stairway left. Windows and

doors are mere holes. The new doctor's residence is but a shell, everything inside the building, including walls, cleaned out up to the roof. With the U.S. $2000 grant by the Mission Board and help from C. N. R. R. A., in rice and flour, the main building and nurses' residence are being fixed up and should be finished in a few weeks. Negotiations are now being made for a doctor and his wife, also a doctor, to take charge. There are two doctors now working as residents in Canton Hospital, both aided through Medical School by Synod: Dr. Hoh, a son of Pastor Hoh Shiu Tsuen of Siu Lam and Honam churches, and Dr. Chan Kit Ying, a Miller Seminary graduate. They will be available in a year or so. There are also plans being considered for affiliation with the medical school which will be of advantage to both. The repairs being made will make provision for about 40 beds. This should be temporary. A new "L" should be added on the site of the old temple and a third story put on making a 75-bed hospital.

The budget, as sent in by the Synod, may seem large but it is for the opening year. If the right staff is found, it should soon be on a self-supporting basis, and help provide for expansion. Drug supplies and some equipment are being secured from various agencies which will materially lessen the cost of equipment.

In the minutes of the Palmyra meeting there was mention of a doctor and nurse for Siu Lam. There is no question of the wisdom of their being sent out, but there should be no earmarking them for a definite place without first having the Synod's recommendation and final decision made on their arrival. Developments may arise to change plans. For instance, arrangements may be made with the medical school to aid in securing staff and maintaining standards of work, in return the Mission providing some specialized worker in the Medical School. At present, an X-ray expert would have priority.

Relief Workers in Canton

The Church

Only a brief mention will be made of the Church. A fuller account should be in the report of the Synod. They should give details and statistics. This report will confine itself to comments and discussions of some problems.

Inter-Relationship of Mission Boards, General Assembly and Synod: There seems to be a movement on the part of the General Assembly and others to have Mission Boards deal directly with General Assembly and the General Assembly with various Synods especially in regard to finance. Some comment on this is pertinent.

1. It did not work well but rather harmfully in Yunnan as I observed it both from the angle of Kunming and Chungking. Money was specifically appropriated for Yunnan use by Mission Boards. It was sent through General Assembly. General Assembly in these days of rapid variations in exchange rate made in NC$ a fixed appropriation and then handled the proceeds from exchange so that the exact sum realized from the gold appropriation of Boards did not reach Yunnan. Because of this and delay in money reaching Yunnan, there was serious detriment to development of work.

2. My experience in the past four years showed me that the rest of China does not consider Kwangtung as important and it would be left out decidedly in apportionment of Mission funds by General Assembly. In case of medical work, both government and relief agencies distributing aid in China show this tendency. It is exemplified by the present cut in A.P.M. appropriations to Kwangtung.

3. Our own work has been principally in Kwangtung. We have special responsibility for it. We should especially stand behind it.

4. The Kwangtung Synod is one of the strongest of all the Synods, the most enterprising, aggressive and is undertaking great responsibilities in taking over the expensive institutions started by Mission Boards. Just when they are beginning to get under this load not of their own starting, it would not be fair for Mission Boards organizing these institutions to wash their hands of it and leave the Synod carry it all. In the case of other important Missions cutting appropriations now, it may well be our part to help the Church to tide over this emergency. The Synod is showing strength and initiative in taking on heavy responsibilities and we do not want to fail them. It is my privilege to see the Executive Committee and the Secretarial staff of Synod in action—both in Kukong and Canton. In handling grave problems and in unusual emergencies they have shown wisdom, skill and resourcefulness even better than Mission Councils I have observed—would have shown.

5. It was a great privilege also to attend some of the sessions of Annual Synod meeting last July. I purposely took no part and watched them carry on. It felt just like being in Annual Conference at home only there was no bishop. The general secretaries had all arrangements in good order and things went off smoothly. The pastors and lay delegates discussed and voted on questions with keeness, intelligence and sober seriousness. Looking back at it now, it comes with great emphasis that the Synod is the body of ultimate authority in the church and general administration offices should derive their authority from the Synods.

6. The movement now to have Mission Boards put their appropriations in the hands of the General Assembly to distribute to Synods would in

actual practice have general administration derive authority from Mission Boards. Here in the Annual Synod (or Conference) meeting is where the ultimate authority of the church must rest as it most truly represents the will of the local organizations. The authority of the General Assembly should come from the Synods. The General Assembly's authority should not rest in the fact that Mission Boards distribute their appropriations through General Assembly. The general administration officers of the church should be responsible to the Synods and through the Synods to the local congregations. The Mission Boards making their grants to general administration office would still have Mission Boards dominating the Chinese church in policy and otherwise.

There has been a strong Methodist Episcopal Church in Canton backed by Chinese churches in America. During the July Annual Conference this Church joined with the Church of Christ in China.

During the war years there has been a large growth in membership but no increases in number of churches in the Synod.

Missions are still working within the Synod in the same fields they started work in China and the idea is still extant that these districts should be the special responsibility of the Boards starting them. This is about the last trace of the old order of Mission organization changing to a completely organized unified Church. Missions should forget their sense of boundary lines and all work for the whole Church wherever they may be useful.

Union of Evangelical and United Brethren: It seems that at last the union of Evangelical and United Brethren Churches is to be completed this fall. The Evangelical Mission in Hunan is coming into the Church of Christ in China. It would be hardly practicable for the two missions to be united. But it would mean the new Church would now have work in three provinces. Hunan is Kwangtung's next door neighbor to the North and the two are connected rather closely by the Canton-Hankow railroad. It is wise to keep them separate missions but close relationship ought to be developed. It is to be hoped that the two fields are not kept distinct, the one Evangelical and the other United Brethren, and that people from former U. B. territories could be sent to Hunan and from Evangelical districts sent to Kwangtung.

Finance

There has been no budget made by the mission for the work as that is all included in the Synod budget sent you. Neither the Shoops nor I had any hand in this but some explanatory remarks should be made.

1. It was necessary for Synod to do this last year as there was only one missionary in China and he was separated from Kwangtung with almost no inter-communication. This year with three of us on the field, it also seemed best. Continuing this policy will be in line with the development of the Chinese church.

2. In these days of increasing inflation, budgeting is difficult and very much subject to change. You will note the rate for the budget is calculated at 2250-1. Since then it has jumped to 3030-1 official rate and 3500-1 open market.

3. You will note by this budget that our mission has almost the whole support of the Synod office and its secretaries. There is no objection to this. It is well worthwhile. It might be well to intimate to Synod secre-

taries and executives that they begin to cultivate the local congregation for support. Though to be realistic, it is more than the local churches can do to rehabilitate themselves. It is not too early for the churches to begin to realize this responsibility.

4. It might be well to make a lump sum appropriation to the Synod and give the Synod freedom in its apportionment. An exception might be made for the various institutions, Union Theological College, Pui Ying Middle School and Union Normal School especially U.T.C., and U.N.S., as they are not completely Church of Christ in China. It would be well also for a time to grant a special sum for Miller Seminary and hospitals. Not a recommendation.

5. Considering the needs, this budget is not too much. In fixing the grant, two other factors come up; amount available from Board and the amount the Synod is prepared to spend profitably.

6. The budgets for Miller Seminary are not too exhorbitant for the start. But they should, by fees and local income, become nearly self-supporting. The hospital budget is not so well itemized. There should not be so many doctors but this money asked for the extra doctors should be for four or five nurses.

7. The Synod budget does not include missionaries or expenses, as travel, rent, up-keep of houses, postage and such miscellaneous items.

Registration

The Church of Christ in China is the only one of many churches in China that is registered with the Government. To register is good and goes a long way towards making the church indigenous, really a part of the life of China. There is no fear that this will, at any time, compromise the church on any questions of right. If, in these days of extra-territoriality, any such issue arises, those not registered would not fare any better than those registered, if so well. The church should take such steps to make it a legal body according to the laws of the country.

Registration should also be done by local churches and the various institutions. Steps are already being taken to register Miller Seminary and registration should be completed. The hospitals should likewise be registered.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Oldt, M.D.

CHINA MISSION COUNCIL

Palmyra, Pennsylvania
May 23, 24, 1946

At the last annual meeting of the Board, action was taken requesting that a more comprehensive and detailed program of work for China, than the facts at that time made possible, be prepared. In an effort to meet that request, a special meeting of all furloughed missionaries from China and newly appointed candidates to China was called at Palmyra, Pennsylvania, May 23 and 24. The following reports were approved and are passed on to the Board for consideration.

Evangelistic Work

We recognize evangelism as the primary function of the Christian World Mission. We further recognize the objective of evangelism as expressed in this quotation from a great Christian leader as follows: "To make Jesus Christ known, loved, trusted, and obeyed in all of life." Obviously all types of missionary activity, whether in Church, school, or hospital, whereby persons are led to know, love, trust, and obey him, are evangelistic. Obviously also, evangelism is not limited to these regular organized forms of missionary activity, but is an influence to be exercised by the Christian home and by Christian individuals and groups in all their relationships with non-Christian individuals and groups. It is the task of the whole church engaged in winning the whole world for Christ.

The supreme evangelistic task of the Christian Mission in China is there-

Mission Staff in China

fore to help the Church of Christ in China to become fully aware of and obedient to the divine call to this high privilege and primary responsibility.

II

We rejoice in the evangelistic zeal and sense of evangelistic responsibility which characterize the Church of Christ in China. We also are aware of the great—the colossal—task remaining to be done, as well as the present inadequacy of staff in China to fully implement a full program of evangelism. We therefore pledge the Church in China our loyal and Christian cooperation as the Kwangtung Synod extends the work along the following (and possibly other) lines:

1. Evangelism in government schools and universities.
2. Evangelism through agriculture and other projects.
3. Evangelism in rural work centers.
4. Radio evangelism for city and rural areas.
5. Evangelism through visual educational techniques.
6. Evangelism through Christian literature.

III

The evangelistic responsibility of the United Brethren Church in South China may be thought of in terms of the geographical areas in which the work is done. If this aproach is followed, our duties may be expressed in terms of four areas.

1. **Siu Lam.** During the period preceding the war, Siu Lam had been an important United Brethren obligation. Under the direction of the Synod there has been maintained a school, hospital, and a strong church. It is the apparent desire of the Synod that the school and hospital be continued as well as the church. This situation affords an unusual opportunity for making Siu Lam a pioneering rural center where the total man is brought into total allegiance to Christ. For this to be done will require that the school and hospital be provided with evangelistic workers of such number and type as to arrange adequate religious services and contacts for patients and students. In addition there must be a missionary who can (1) understand the rural situation, (2) bring in outside help and wisdom to assist the work and life of the people on a Christian level in field and home, and (3) coordinate the total program so as to make the church and cross central in Siu Lam. Such a missionary is the minimum required to make Siu Lam a rural center. If the work develops properly, additional personnel may prove necessary.

2. **The Second District.** The second district has been assigned by the Synod as the particular new evangelistic responsibility of the United Brethren Church. One couple and one single worker should be provided to give full time to this area.

3. **In Canton.** Since Canton is one of the cities longest occupied by the Church in China, and is also one of the 100 great cities of China, it presents an altogether different problem from Siu Lam. The best evangelistic work in the new day will not be done there by any mere addition of personnel. The strength of the church and the size of the city demands (1) a unified approach to the city and (2) a specialized type of evangelism aimed at particular groups. Therefore it would seem that our mission should support the Synod in any effort to build up a city-wide approach and it should

provide its share of evangelistic workers as requested by the Synod for particular tasks. Such particular tasks would include evangelistic personnel for work in universities (both Christian and government), middle schools, and Union Normal School.

4. **General.** In addition to the above mentioned areas, the Synod will desire help in finance and personnel for more general tasks on a Synod-wide and church-wide basis. More explicit requests will likely be made later, but the mission should be prepared to:

a. Assist the spiritual rehabilitation of pastors and church workers who have been worn and burdened by years of war, through retreats and study opportunities.

b. Provide a youth worker for the Synod.

c. Provide financial means for nationwide development of visual aids.

d. Provide financial and/or personnel help for Synod visual aid development.

e. Cooperate with a Christian radio station if such is set up in Canton.

f. Provide financial aid in promoting the Synod aspects of the coming nationwide evangelistic campaign.

Educational Work

Mission schools have made a good record in China. They were well built and usually better equipped than private or government schools. Discipline was far better than in other schools. Students with the Christian training proved more reliable and trustworthy. For these reasons, non-Christians and government officials sent their children to mission schools. Before the war these institutions, with their ideal premises, their well trained teachers, their hard working students, and their fine equipment made a worthwhile contribution to China's moral and spiritual life. Now their faculties are scattered and many of their buildings in ruins, therefore, we recommend:

1. **Miller Seminary**

a. That immediate repairs be made on all Miller Seminary buildings.

b. That since much of the furnishings and equipment (desks, chairs, teaching aids, beds, dressers, kitchen service and chapel furnishings) have been looted or destroyed, same be replaced as soon as possible.

c. That an appropriation of $5,000 be made to provide the needed equipment and furnishings.

d. That the mission residence on the compound be repaired and refurnished.

e. That a special appropriation be made to repair these buildings.

f. That a missionary be in charge of reorganizing and reopening the school and that a second missionary be named to serve in an advisory capacity.

g. That an appropriation of $5,000 be made each year for three years for current expenses in getting school started and functioning properly.

2. **Union Normal School**

a. That the necessary appropriations be made to put United Brethren Hall on the campus of the school in good serviceable condition.

b. That we continue our annual grant to the institutions for current operating expenses.

c. That we recognize their request for a teacher of music and seek to provide a person qualified for the position.

3. **Middle Schools**

a. That we cooperate with Kwangtung Synod in promoting its middle school program and make an appropriation for reconstructing and equipping such middle schools as the Synod may suggest.

b. That consideration be given to any request for a teacher in the middle school and that the Board seek to provide a qualified person for such position.

4. **Union Theological College**

a. That we continue our cooperation with this worthy institution by an annual grant to its current operating expenses.

b. That we offer to provide a member for its teaching staff.

Medical Work

Medical missions have had a long and honorable career in China. They have rendered valuable service to the Christian cause (a) by the introduction of modern and scientific therapeutics, (b) by helping carry out public health work, especially in pre and post natal clinics, (c) by training doctors, nurses, and dispensers of modern medicine, (d) and by their deeds of mercy interpreting the meaning of the Great Physician.

In view of this service and in view of the fact that Kwangtung Synod CCC believes it advisable to continue the medical center at Siu Lam, we therefore recommend:

1. That the Ramsburg Hospital be rebuilt as soon as materials and workmen can be secured to do the job.

2. That it be re-equipped and that special effort be made through Dr. Frank Oldt and the medical committee of the Synod to secure from army surplus medical supplies sufficient materials to furnish a fifty bed hospital.

3. That an appropriation of $30,000 be provided to repair and refurnish the hospital. (This is an estimate of the possible costs.)

4. That the medical residence be rebuilt as soon as possible and that $5,000 be made available for this purpose.

5. That a special appropriation be made to the Ramsburg Hospital during these years of reconstruction to help meet the current operating expenses.

6. That the Board be asked to furnish one foreign doctor and nurse, since it does not seem advisable to open the hospital without a competent medical staff.

7. That a second foreign nurse be secured and trained to assist and later take over work during furlough of regular nurse.

8. That the work of the Coover dispensary of Honam be continued and that it be put under the care of the outclinic medical department of Lingnan University.

9. That we continue our support of the Public Health work of the U. C. C. and the Kwangtung Synod by allocating Dr. Frank Oldt to said work.

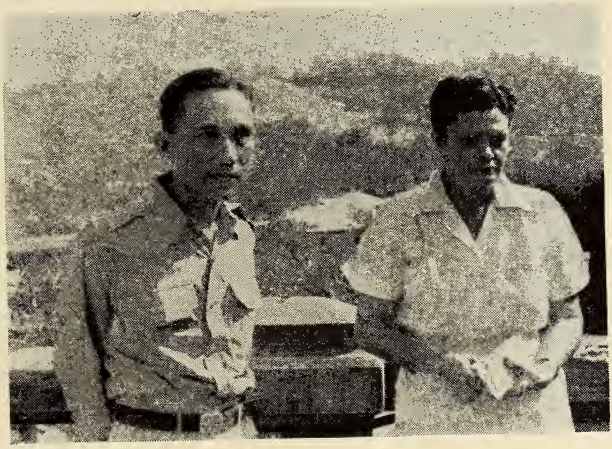
S. G. Ziegler, Chairman
John Knecht, Secretary

RECONSTRUCTION IN THE PHILIPPINES

We are glad to report that all our mission institutions and departments of the conference are functioning although some of them are not completely rehabilitated as yet.

San Fernando Station

Bethany Hospital has been repaired with sliding canvas windows, wooden partitions, etc. Much equipment has been added, most of which, such as spring mattresses, beds, tables, chairs, etc., are permanent.



Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Viduya

The nurses' home has been repaired and at present furnishes a comfortable home for the Viduya family and for some of the nurses.

The church has been rebuilt with a permanent roof, wooden doors and canvas windows. The congregation plans to make some additional repairs and to add some additional equipment, while at the same time, making plans for a new church building.

The church was rededicated on Palm Sunday. An increasing number of persons are making it their church home.

We rebuilt the parsonage with the financial help of the church people. The pastor of the church is now living in a more comfortable home than before the war. The church council has also financed the enclosing of the lower story which serves as a suitable place for the kindergarten.

At present the parsonage is occupied by the Conference Superintendent who is also acting pastor of the church. The parsonage has been planned to house both the pastor of the church and the conference superintendent.

We have rebuilt the four corners of the Bible Training School building with a connecting veranda at the east end. The frame work and the roof of the part rebuilt is permanent and has been so built that the rest of the building can easily be joined. While the flooring is not of hard wood yet, it is of a fair quality of pine boards. Should it seem advisable to put in hard wood floors some time in the future, they could be placed on the

present flooring thus making a good double floor. The large space between the corners is covered with canvas.

The building is being used as the residence of Miss Esbenshade, the Witmers, Mrs. Bacalzo and as a dormitory for the training school girls, for class rooms and for an office for the training school and the mission treasurer. The huge pile of various goods once stored in our Bible Training School building by the various relief groups has been greatly reduced but all of us will be relieved when the lower story of the "old" Mission House will be available for storage.

In connection with B.T.S., we have also put up a pre-fabricated building north of the training school building. It is of a semi-permanent nature, 20 feet by 36 feet in size. It is being used by the music department and has two small rooms at one end for the guests of the missionaries. These rooms are not very comfortable, but we expect to have more comfortable guest rooms when we finish the "old" Mission House the beginning of September.

At present the B.T.S. is giving the pre-ministerial course which is the same as that given at Union Theological Seminary in Manila for the B.Th. degree. The Conference plans to give two years of training here towards the B.Th. degree and then have the students continue in some other school. The deaconness and the ministerial courses are much the same so that the ministerial students, with one or two exceptions, have the same subjects and can thus be in the same classes. In addition to the ministerial and the regular deaconness courses, the B.T.S. is also giving the second year of the Lay Workers' course. The executive committee has planned to give also the first year of the Lay Workers' course after the institute.

The Mission House. (Occupied by the Viduyas before the war.)

Much of the frame work and most of the roof had been replaced when the severe typhoon struck us on July 16 and 17 and blew it down. We have built it again on the same foundation and according to the plan of the old house. It looks at present, from a distance, much like the old house, but the kitchen, ceiling, some of the siding, and windows are still to be added. At present we have discontinued the work of building but expect to start again about September 1. At present the building is being used by the dean and students of the Lay Workers' institute.

We plan to finish this building and use the basement for a storeroom, a room for selling Bibles and other Christian literature, and a conference room, and, if there is still suitable space left, furnish a reading room.

The Press Building did not require so much repair. We repaired the sides, ceiling and roof so that now the building is in about as good a shape as it was before the war, which was nothing extra.

The upper story of this building had been used as a chapel, pastor's study and sleeping quarters until the San Fernando congregation moved into the old church building and the pastor into the repaired parsonage. One section of the lower story is being used as an office for the Editor and for printing the Ilocano paper. The rest of the building has been rented until May of this year to one of the leading members of our San Fernando congregation for a business college.

The linotype machine has been sold, one of the small presses has been rehabilitated and is used for the printing of the Ilocano paper and the small

jobs. We purchased the necessary type and equipment to operate the press on the above scale. The other small press has been rented to a San Fernando printer.

Our Ilocano paper is being printed and edited by Rev. Felipe Lagon, who was appointed by the Conference for the work. We are paying him the same subsidy which had been given our press before the war. With this help, subscriptions, donations and the income from small jobs, he is financing the paper. Thus the editor is also business manager of the paper and press.

Baguio

The Baguio congregation has made some repairs on the basement of the church building which is being used for church services and as a residence of the pastor and his family. The church council has also undertaken the work of placing supports under the corner of the building where the earth has been loosened by a bomb so that the corner sank slightly. They realized the danger and had started to place supports under that corner when the typhoon delayed the work. The church council voted to use the stones in front of the first church building to place a strong support under the weakened corner. They are of the opinion that the sinking still makes it possible to use the old walls. However, we are still checking on that matter through the use of architects and engineers.

Following the old plan, our Baguio cottage has been rebuilt on the old foundation. The fireplace, chimney and walls were in good condition which saved us much money in that project. The cottage as rebuilt has a strong frame work, a good ceiling and roof but rather rough flooring and canvas sides . . . part of the ceiling and floor is unfinished.

The Falkenbergs moved into the cottage on August 16 and are directing the finishing of the building, such as putting in permanent windows (they are canvas at present), electric wiring and plumbing.

Lubuagan

Here we have repaired, largely under Miss Metzger's supervision, the mission house and school building. The local church made the minor repairs required on the chapel. We rebuilt a girls' dormitory and a fair sized boys' dormitory. Building materials for both our building projects at Lubuagan and Kiangan were hauled from San Fernando. Much lumber was also bought locally.

Parts of the school building are being used as a boys' dormitory and part of the mission house as a girls' dormitory.

Kiangan

Here our building and equipment suffered the most complete destruction of any of our other mission stations. However, we have been able to repair the small chapel, rebuild the clinic which is now being used as the residence of Miss Spessard and a dispensary. We have also built small cottages for the teachers, a boys' and girls' dormitory from pre-fabricated buildings and erected temporary quarters for the school. Miss Spessard has supervised this building program in addition to the relief work which still demands much of her time. RELIEF WORK IS STILL IMPORTANT IN IFUGAO.

We have given money and materials to a number of the smaller congregations to help them repair and rebuild their chapels and parsonages. The

Project Board of the Conference is preparing a report on the asking from various churches which we expect to submit to you in the near future.

Manila

When the army vacated our lot, they left a small shed-like building which has been repaired by the Salvation Army. This building is now being used by them as the residence of the Filipino officer in charge and his family and as a chapel for the holding of religious services. They have used our lot for about five or six months, but we have not made any arrangements concerning rent or the future use of our property there. We are planning to do so in the near future in conference with the representative of the Presbyterian mission.

The Union Seminary has been repaired. The building is being used for Union Seminary and Union High School. The Presbyterian Mission bought the army buildings which had been erected on the Seminary grounds and these are being used by Union High School for classes and dormitories.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT

The Project Board of our Conference met the other day and requested me to pass on to you and our Mission Board the following recommendations in regard to church building projects and parsonages.

In regard to the request for aid to the building of our Baguio church, the Project Board suggested that the chairman meet with the Church Council of Baguio to study estimates of the cost of building. All of us are eager to secure expert advice on this project.

The San Fernando church has begun planning for their new church building. The Project Board suggested that they study various types of church buildings and select the one best adapted to the country and to the use they try to make of the building. I think that they should plan, as I think they do, for Sunday School and Kindergarten work. The Kindergarten here should be affiliated with our Bible Training School. The amount

Bible Training School Students, Philippines

of fifty thousand dollars mentioned by the Church Council is a preliminary guide as to the amount needed. This will have to be checked after the type of building, etc., have been determined.

The following are churches which should be granted immediate help:

Bontoc, $1,500—One-half to be raised by the local church.

Rosario, $300—For parsonage which should be built first as the pastor has no place to live at present. One-half of the $300 to be raised by the church.

Bacnotan, $300—For the purchase of an additional lot. This amount to be loaned to the church.

Balbalayang, $325—An outright gift as this is a new congregation just organized.

Agoo, $400—This is to be a loan to the church.

Some other churches had submitted requests to the Project Board but no plans and thus the Project Board requested them to submit plans before they could consider the amount of aid they should receive. To take care of these requests for financial aid the Project Board requests you to give us a reserve fund, some of which they would plan to use to rehabilitate their revolving fund. This was a fund which had been used to make loans to the churches with the understanding that they pay back the money and then it be used to help other churches. The amount they suggested was $5,000.00. As I do not have before me a list of churches which may make requests for aid in building, I do not have a guide as to whether this amount is high or low. However, I would suggest that you make part of the amount available now and then we can report to you later on the requests for aid from this fund.

The churches which have the most urgent need of financial aid are the Bontoc, Rosario, Kabayan and Cervantes congregations.

For Bontoc as stated above, one-half of $1,500.00.

For Rosario Church Building, $5,000.00. Part of this is to be raised by the congregation. Should it be a memorial church?

San Fernando is not requesting any aid for the present building, but is planning for the new church building.

Kabayan, $2,500.00. This is in our Filipino mission field and thus the congregation will not be able to give much financial aid to the building project.

Kiangan—There is also an urgent need for a new chapel here but I do not know what funds are available. Has there not been some money appropriated for this project?

May we include recommendations also concerning our other building needs?

The repairs still needed for the Press building are of such minor nature that I think we can handle this out of our current appropriation.

The hospital has been paying for the repair of its building and has a balance so that perhaps it can continue to finance repairs. However, the money paid for this purpose should be considered, as you suggested, a reserve fund on which they are permitted to draw for the purchase of the more expensive equipment.

The most urgent need for financial help at San Fernando is for putting a roof on the main part of the Bible Training School Building. The four corners, as indicated in my report on reconstruction in the Philippines, have been roofed. The large open place in the center is covered with canvas but this leaks very much during the heavy rains in the typhoon season. Then the canvas deteriorates very rapidly during the rainy season as it stays wet for too long a period.

According to the district engineer and the provincial architect, the walls are perfectly safe for a galvanized iron roof but they might be questionable for a tile roof such as the building had before the war. Anyway, it is impossible to get tile at this time or for some time to come. Moreover, the tile roof was always somewhat difficult to repair. Thus we strongly recommend placing a galvanized iron roof (permanent) on this building at the earliest possible date.

The estimated cost for roofing the rest of the building with a permanent iron roof is $2,800.00. Could you approve our plan to proceed with this in September or October of this year?

Less urgent is the placing of the second floor but perhaps you may wish to consider these projects together. Thus we have estimated the cost of placing the second floor with good flooring but not with hardwood flooring, which still seems to us to be too high priced to use, at $5,200.00. We expect to consult our conference leaders in regard to the future program as related to San Fernando and submit their report to you in a few weeks.

Kiangan

We have pushed and are still pushing the building in Kiangan. We had hoped to visit this station again before writing this report, but typhoons have delayed our trip. We need to confer with our workers there before we can give you an estimate of the cost of finishing rebuilding at that station. However, please include in your monthly remittances five hundred dollars or more to finance our building program there. We should be prepared to push building there more vigorously in November and December of this year and during the early months of 1947.

Miss Spessard has inquired concerning plans for the missionary residence there and for the permanent school building.

Residence in Manila

It is the opinion of the persons supervising the rebuilding program of the Presbyterian Mission that there will not be much change in the prices of building materials for about two years yet and thus any building which we wish to use within that period might as well be begun now. The price of building materials in Manila make it worthwhile to consider rebuilding our mission residence there now.

It is very difficult to secure rooms in Manila to stay during our business trips and for committee meetings. The arrival of the missionary boat will make the situation still more acute.

The Presbyterians are planning to make the sites of some of their former residences available for an educational project and are thus interested in our rebuilding our residence. Dr. Hooper said that they might rent it from us. Certainly we should make any residence we build there available for them until we need it ourselves. Then the family we may have there could

perhaps share the building with another family. Perhaps it might be wise to request the Presbyterians to supervise the rebuilding. They have contacts with suitable contractors and architects. I favor the planning to rebuild our missionary residence in Manila now. We should do our part in helping to solve the problem of acute shortage of houses. Residences in Manila rent for more than a thousand dollars a year.

Lubuagan

Here we still need some financial help in building dormitories. Please include in your monthly remittances, if possible, about $200.00 for about four months. We expect to make a report on the estimated cost of a larger girls' dormitory and teachers' residences after our visit there.

A fund should be included in the appropriation or as a special fund to help the village congregations throughout Ifugao and Kalinga to rebuild their chapels. Two of the most important centers are Mayoyao in Ifugao and the homestead district in Kalinga known as Tabuk.

Most cordially yours,

C. C. Witmer.

THE PUERTO RICO MISSION

To the Members of the Board of Foreign Missions,
United Brethren in Christ, Dayton, Ohio.

In submitting this, my second annual report concerning the work of our mission in Puerto Rico, I recognize in myself something of the same experience that a pastor has in the second year of a pastorate. The glamor of the situation has worn off somewhat and one is able to view conditions more realistically than in the first year. At the same time there are many reasons for gratitude to God and hopes for the future are high.

For some years our churches in Puerto Rico have been traveling on a plateau so far as numerical growth is concerned. Our total membership as reported by our pastors is 2,069. This represents a net gain of 29 members for the year. Ninety-nine members were received and seventy were lost. Some of our churches have been losing their best young leadership. Ambitious people are leaving the small town and rural communities for better jobs everywhere. There are said to be 200,000 Puerto Ricans in New York. God help that our people who leave their local churches may be faithful to their Master wherever they may be.

I am glad to report that our pastors are beginning to show dissatisfaction with the achievements of the church in these recent years. They are making ambitious plans for an evangelistic campaign. I am hoping that we can do more with visitation evangelism than has been done in the past. In it all we must realize that the growth of the church really depends upon the everyday Christ-like living and the witnessing of our members and not primarily upon some particular campaign plans, good as they may be.

Closely tied up with the growth of the church numerically is the stewardship of the church. If people believe enough in the church to give a tenth of their income, they will be active in it. The churches that count a high percentage of tithers are the active and growing churches.

The total giving for all purposes was reported as $11,892 or a per capita gift of $5.74. This represents a gain of 20% in giving over the preceding year.

Stewardship was the subject treated in one of our worker's meetings. The group requested that the paper read by your representative should be printed and distributed among the membership. This was done and the pastors were urged to use this leaflet as a basis for stewardship study classes in each local church. This year we are planning to institute the weekly offering envelope system in each church. Next year should be a better year financially.

Andean Mountain Boy

Almost every pastor conducted at least one Vacation Bible School on his charge this year. Two leadership training schools were carried on in the district. Our hope is with the children of which we have an abundance in every church. How we succeed or fail here will determine the future for us.

A competent, consecrated ministerial leadership is essential to a growing church. Two of our young pastors, Ismael and Moises Castillo

left the ministry and were replaced by Rev. Adolfo Camacho, a man of experience who came to us from the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, and by Eustaquio Jimenez, a promising layman. We are planning to work out some course of study that may be taken by those of our pastors who have not had the opportunity of studying in the Seminary. Our Union Seminary is studying the possibility of organizing an institute or extension course or other means of helping this type of pastor.

Two ministerial candidates are studying at the Seminary and another one is pursuing his course at the University of Puerto Rico. These young men are above the average in ability. One of them, an orphan, has been helped financially since childhood by a crippled telephone operator, a member of our church at Ephrata, Pennsylvania. She considers this her special project as a Christian.

There was a time when the ministry was considered a fairly well-paid job. In those days, there seemed to be a surplus of persons who wished to enter the ministry. Now many jobs pay more money than our pastors receive. Those who are serving for the loaves and fishes find it easy to leave and others who are qualified educationally are tempted to do something else even though they had planned to enter the ministry from a tender age.

As may be seen on the proposed budget attached it was necessary to raise the pastors' salaries. In some cases the churches have made the increases themselves, most cases both the churches and the mission are paying more. Ordained ministers are now receiving $1,200 per year salary. Others are receiving from $784 to $900 per year. The cost of living has increased in Puerto Rico the same as elsewhere. A small family needs at least $50 per month in order to provide an adequate diet. Clothes cost less and fuel is not needed to heat houses, but in other ways it is more expensive to live in Puerto Rico than in the United States.

We are encouraging the Puerto Rican churches to take a much larger part in paying their pastors' salaries. A strong Puerto Rican church must be self supporting. At the same time we must be patient. Two-thirds of our Puerto Rican families are said to earn less than $25 per month and many of our churches have received heavy subsidies since their founding. The needs in Puerto Rico are great and will continue to be great for sometime to come. We must reach out to the lonely, poverty stricken areas in the country as quickly as possible. If our established churches will do more for themselves, we will be able to do more for others.

I am sorry to report that no new building project has been undertaken in the past year. The scarcity of building materials has precluded this. The money appropriated is being held in bank and in government bonds. A second difficulty has to do with prices. Most estimates that had been submitted were based on pre-war costs. Some have doubled, therefore, we may be forced to request additional appropriations after definite plans and figures for buildings are worked out.

Last year we sold our parsonage at Penuelas for $3,000. We are now consummating a deal to buy a house for $2,700. After some repairs are made we will have a more valuable and better located house than before. The Government has agreed to sell us a lot at Barriada Lluberas, Yauco for $500. This is a beautiful location at the center of a Government housing project. We had $1,800 for this project. This will leave us $1,300 which is not sufficient. Could we have $500 more? (see proposed budget)

The Government is planning to build a new district hospital at Ponce. Our Machuelo Chapel is located on the proposed site. We were offered $1,890 for building and lot. At our request they agreed that we could move the building to a new lot that we hope to purchase in the vicinity. This is a promising field.

The cost of repairs has skyrocketed since pre-war days. The Government recently passed a minimum wage law for construction workers which will double cost of labor on some repair jobs. Termites do great damage to wooden structures. We have many wooden buildings of considerable age which necessitate costly expenditures. In view of this an item of $3,000 is included for repairs. The amount appropriated last year for this was not sufficient to meet our needs. We are encouraging the churches to pay a larger part of the cost of repairs. We wish to help the local churches to conceive of the church building as their responsibility and not primarily the responsibility of the mission. Here again patience is necessary.

In the proposed budget there is an item of $1,000 for new work at Machuelo. This chapel was formerly a preaching place attached to our Ponce Church. Now we have an opportunity to organize a separate charge with two other preaching places just outside of Ponce. A returned G. I., who served as a chaplain's assistant, is available to work here.

Under the heading of new work is an item of $720 for Rio Piedras. A considerable number of our church members have moved to this city. We are hoping to have a church here in the near future and this year we propose to employ one of our most capable young men to make a survey and organize a worship group meeting in private homes.

Andean Indians, Ecuador

Last November, representatives of the mission boards met with the leaders of the Puerto Rican churches in a significant meeting at the Polytechnic Institute, San German. Many of the problems of the Puerto Rican church were discussed at length. Plans for their solution were advanced. It was generally felt that the united work of the Protestant churches had lost something since the time of Doctor Drury. The local leaders said that our united work necessitates a full time executive secretary. A man of ability and foresight should be selected, the group agreed. A plan was adopted calling for a yearly budget of $5,000. Two thousand dollars of this amount was to be raised by the Puerto Rican churches and $3,000 by the mission boards in the North. Our share of this amount is $300.

The system of control of the Evangelical Seminary was vested in two bodies—one in Puerto Rico and another in the U. S. A. This year these two groups were consolidated into one. Doctor Ziegler, myself as your representative in Puerto Rico, and a pastor, elected by our church in Puerto Rico, represent us on this new board. Our share of the expense quota of the Evangelical Seminary is $500.

Reverend Miguel Limardo, one of our men, is serving as the student pastor at the University in Rio Piedras. Our share in this important work is $250 per year.

We are sorry that Doctor Mohler, our Executive Secretary, who has spent almost forty years on the island, is planning to retire in the coming year. His wise counsel and genuine Christian attitude will be greatly missed. We are thankful for the time we were able to spend with the Mohlers as co-workers.

We welcome the new woman worker, Miss Hunter, to our island. She will direct activities among our women and children and promote the interests of Christian Education.

We welcome the coming of Dr. John A. Smith who will concentrate his work at Ryder Memorial Hospital. We are sorry that he could not come under the Foreign Mission Board, but since our work in Puerto Rico is joined with the Congregational-Christian Church in organic union, he will really be working with us.

For two years it was our privilege to live on the campus of the Polytechnic Institute, the only Protestant co-educational college in Puerto Rico. We lived in the men's dormitory and had a very good opportunity to learn to know Puerto Rican youth. Part of my time was given to teaching courses on "Old Testament History," "Life and Teachings of Jesus," and "Introduction to Sociology." It was a challenging experience to direct the consideration of bright young people to the Scriptures. Many of these had never read or studied the Bible before. Weekends were used to visit churches and to fellowship with our pastors in their homes. I was able, also, to attend general church meetings and take my part on committees. On August 6th we moved our belongings to an empty room in the Mission House in Ponce. The house is now being occupied by Rev. Miguel E. Martinez, Editor of the Puerto Rico Evangelico. When we return to Puerto Rico after Christmas, we are planning to occupy this house.

During the past two years Rev. Martinez has been in charge of church repairs. After January 1st that responsibility will fall to your representative.

This report should not come to an end without mention of a word of appreciation for my co-workers, Dr. C. I. Mohler, Rev. Martinez, Mr. Bracer (our treasurer) and the pastors of our churches. On every hand we have met with friendliness and the spirit of cooperation.

In our two years at the Polytechnic, Mrs. Zech served as matron of the men's dormitory. During this period we have made a study of the Spanish language which will better fit us for the tasks ahead.

Harry E. Zech, Representative

BUILDING IN SANTO DOMINGO

As in the time of Nehemiah, the world faces a day of rebuilding. Mission fields far from the battle front have felt the power of the destructive forces let loose during the years of conflict. As if to remind us that war is not the only force which destroys, the Dominican Republic was visited by a series of earthquakes beginning on August 4th the 450th anniversary of the founding of the city of Santo Domingo, now Ciudad Trujillo, and continuing for two months thereafter. Our church at Puerto Plata was badly damaged. The walls are "mamposteria"—clay, stone, brick, etc., without re-enforcement and were not in very good condition before the quakes. It is practically a re-building job and the estimated cost is $6,000.00. The church is not safe in its present condition. On the night of October 13th and the following morning the downtown section of Samana was destroyed by fire. About 100 buildings and homes were burnt to the ground and the losses are estimated at about $1,000,000.00. Fortunately, our church and pastor's home were not damaged but several of our people lost practically everything.

Selecciones in Paradise, Santo Domingo

This year has seen the completion of two more units of buildings—the three-room addition to the out-patient clinic of Hospital Internacional donated by one of our doctors, and the second story auditorium of Libreria Dominicana, our progressive bookstore. The latter is used for a reading room, for lectures, musicals and social purposes. It was built from bookstore profits at no cost to the Board. In addition to these the school building at Fundacion is almost finished and is actually being used although there is only a dirt floor and the partitions are only temporary. The congregation at Mella has built its own school building and classes started the latter part of October. Both material and labor for the building were furnished by the community as was the case with the church which was built several years ago. While construction has not yet begun the congregations of La Romana, San Cristobal and Barahona all have sizeable funds raised toward the building of churches and work will probably begin on the La Romana church before the end of the year.

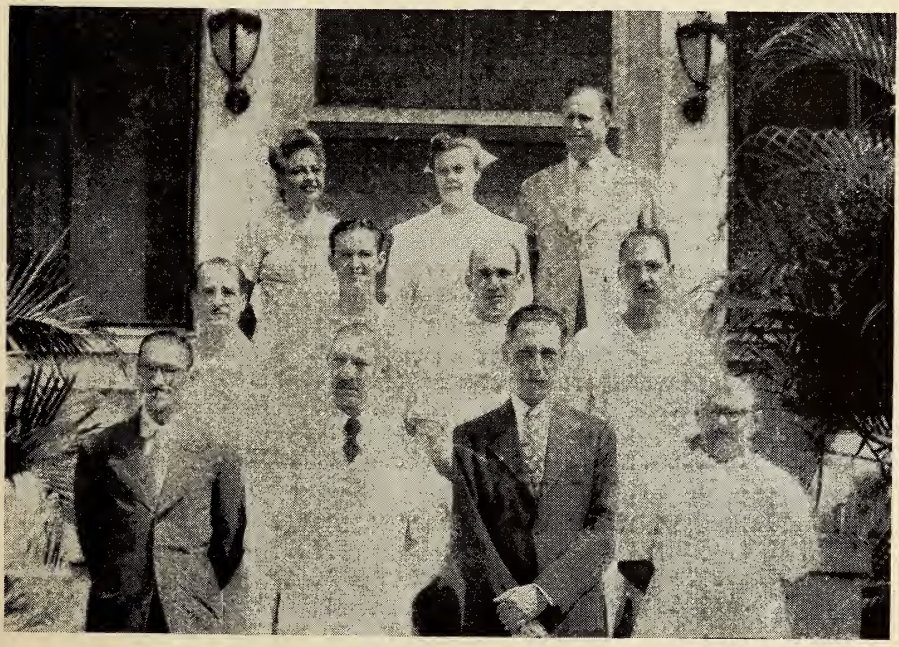
Along with the rest of the world we have faced inflation and living costs have greatly increased and still move upward. The problem of financing the mission grows more acute. Friends both in the United States and on the field have given generously for the building of this part of the kingdom but the expenses outrun income in several departments. Pastors' salaries will not stretch to meet living costs. Most of the churches are doing what

they can toward pasotral support but the economic condition of the majority of the church members is not good either.

The Dominican Evangelical church, national in scope, has made substantial gains. It celebrated the silver anniversary of its General Assembly in January and entered upon a five-year campaign to double the membership which stood at 1207 at the beginning of the year. This number by no means gives a true picture of the state of the church for congregations are much larger than the church membership and the evangelical community is stronger than numbers would indicate. This promises to be almost a banner year in the number of additions to the church and many of these are young people of promise. A new field at Tamayo in the Barahona district was opened this year. The lay pastor—colporteur—is being supported by our bookstore. The work is flourishing. We feel responsibile for this large district in the south and other communities are waiting for us to enter as soon as workers and funds are available.

An increasing number of Evangelicals are to be found in the professions of law, medicine, engineering, teaching, pharmacy, and nursing and many hold important government positions. In proportion to its strength the Evangelical church has more than its share of young people in the Normal (High) Schools and the University. This augurs well for the future.

Another candidate for the ministry—Alvaro Vicioso Santil—finished the University course and entered the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico this fall. A high school graduate was also sent by the mission to the College of Agriculture in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico to train for rural work in the Republic. Two other young men have entered the University this fall in preparation for the ministry.



Hospital Staff, Santo Domingo

Our churches and Young Peoples' societies sent a delegate to the Evangelical Young People's congress held in Havana, Cuba, in August. Our 15th annual Institute of Religious Education was held in Ciudad Trujillo August 20-25 with an enrollment of 119 delegates—one of the largest thus far. For the first time since the early years all of the teaching staff were local people. We have in former years brought people from Puerto Rico or elsewhere to help us.

Rev. Jose Segui of the Methodist conference in Puerto Rico returned to his homeland this summer, after five years of fine service in Samana, our largest parish. With his going we have only two foreign pastors. All the rest are Dominicans trained in our mission.

Hospital Internacional has had a very good year but financing has been most difficult due to high prices. Fourteen nurses were graduated from the School of Nursing. All secured positions immediately and the demand for nurses is greater than the supply. Two of our graduates were named as superintendents of nurses in two of the largest government hospitals. We are in urgent need of a second American nurse to assist Miss Askew in our hospital and school. The whole Republic looks to us for nurses and we must face this challenge seriously. A class of eleven students, including three from the Presbyterian Mission in Cuba, was admitted in October. We had room for no more.

Because of lack of funds we suspended our visiting nurses' service in August. The cost was $50.00 per month.

A specialist in pediatrics was added to our medical staff early in the year for service both in the out-patient clinic and the children's ward. An increasing number of sick children have thus been treated.

We are still waiting for another missionary to supervise the evangelistic work. Our American staff for the whole mission consists of only three—the Superintendent and Mrs. Morgan and our Superintendent of Nurses. We need help in this day of rebuilding. There is abundant evidence of a spiritual awakening in the Republic.

While the Government educational system is improving there is still a demand for good schools which we are meeting in a very inadequate way. Our eighth grade school at Fundacion is producing positive results and graduates have continued in High School, our nursing school, as teachers and one has entered the University. Our third grade school in Sanchez has improved. The new school at Mella will provide the fourth grade for those who have finished the government school which offers only up to the third grade. Our people are pleading for a good central secondary school. Such a project would involve considerable expense and increase our budget. It is worth study. We cannot hope to produce needed leaders until we have better educational facilities. The government is very much interested in education and welcomes private schools. Our school of nursing, recognized as the best in the country, must continue to improve in order to meet the growing demand for well trained nurses.

The year has seen increased activity on the part of the established church. Members of new orders have come to the Republic in increasing numbers. A large girls' school under the auspices of an order of nuns from the United States was opened in October. They have a large modern building and will provide education for many girls from the better class families.

More is being done for the youth by the established church and preparations are underway for a religious Youth Congress to be held here in the near future.

Several new evangelical groups have entered the country. One has about fifteen American Missionaries working largely in the Capital City and in Santiago. Not all of these groups are cooperative. They enter without consultation with church leaders already on the field. The evangelical community in the Republic is increasing.

Through our weekly radio program, on Thursday nights, now in its twelfth year, the Gospel Message is being heard not only in the Republic but in many other countries. The La Romana church broadcasts a half hour service every Saturday morning which is heard locally and in neighboring countries.

The church is challenged as never before and people of all classes are interested. Our pastors and workers are seriously facing their task and are preparing themselves for better service. Wherever there is an evangelical church the community recognizes its influence for good and our pastors are called upon for leadership in many worthy projects. Many communities are asking for church buildings, and to hold its standing and respect The Dominican Evangelical Church must build. A church edifice gives a sense of permanence and stability to our work. We ask for the help and prayers of Christian friends who share with us the responsibility of this day of building and rebuilding for the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Barney N. Morgan, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Members of the Board of the Foreign Missionary Society
of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ

Greetings:

Our report for the year which ended December 31, 1945, is contained in the exhibits which are listed herewith. Another year of financial progress is recorded. The total receipts for 1945 are $235,105.24, an increase of $35,189.64 over 1944. The total receipts for the five years—1941-1945—by some called the "War Years"—are $902,753.63. During this same period the total expenditures were $788,396.97. To record these favorable figures during those terrible war years may lead some to rejoice, but all of us should feel the tremendous responsibility caused by the terrible suffering and damage done to the many great projects carried forward in the name of our Christ. To replace these losses it is necessary that we continue our increased giving. Now that the world is beginning to realize that God alone can bring us back to the fulfillment of our purpose, may we look forward with great hope and faith that ever increasing financial support may follow our sincere efforts in the work of the Kingdom.

The next report of your Treasurer will be a part of the combined report of the new treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. May our daily prayer be for Divine guidance to direct every action toward the great ideals hoped for in our united effort. The work of Christ and His Church must go forward—yea, the work will go forward. I feel most grateful to have a small part in this great work.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,

Wesley O. Clark, Treasurer

THE BALANCE SHEET—ASSETS

Year Ended December 31, 1945

Endowment and Non-Expendable Fund Assets:			
Investment Cash		$ 1892.63	
Notes Receivable		3,059.74	
Mortgage Loans		20,555.56	
Stocks		8,873.65	
Bonds		9,596.50	
Building and Loan Deposits		8,308.52	
U. S. Treasury Bonds		60,000.00	
			$112,286.60
Current and Capital Fund Assets:			
Current Fund Assets			
Cash	$ 66,421.06		
Notes Receivable	1,100.00		
Mortgage Loans	38,526.29		
Building and Loan Deposits	12,502.96		
Stocks	1,140.25		
U. S. Treasury Bonds	395,539.50		
Oil Lease—King Estate	1.00		
		$515,231.06	

Property:			
Investment in Foreign Fields			
Africa	$154,335.99		
China	65,000.00		
Philippines	50,000.00		
Puerto Rico	74,656.84	$343,992.83	
Office Equipment (Net after depreciation)		$ 109.64	
			$859,333.53
Total Assets			$971,620.13

THE BALANCE SHEET—LIABILITIES

Year Ended December 31, 1945

Endowment and Non-Expendable Funds		
General Endowment	$ 35,503.28	
Albert Academy Endowment	6,000.00	
Puerto Rico Endowment	3,000.00	
Annuity Funds	63,675.00	
Special Deposits	2,933.75	
Dr. Regina M. Bigler Scholarship Fund	1,174.57	
		$112,286.60
Current Liabilities—Expendable Funds Restricted		
Deputation Fund	$ 5,515.99	
Advance Work China Fund	6,501.89	
New Project Africa Fund	16,592.39	
New Stations Africa Fund	1,502.69	
Cornwell Fund	6,208.71	
Pension and Annuity Fund	14,717.33	
Special Medical Fund	1,867.75	
Kissy Fund	2,956.33	
Foreign Relief	87.00	
Advance Project—P. I. Fund	6,165.02	
Cosand Fund	587.38	
Sadie Winkler Fund	7,925.90	
Clark Estate	2,560.00	
World Friendship Project Fund	1,197.68	
African Girl—Scholarship Fund	61.05	
Rehabilitation and Expansion Fund	26,059.91	
General Building and Equipment	2,206.92	
Special Building and Equipment	44,849.13	
W. M. A. Day Funds:		
1938—Philippines and West Indies	$ 850.00	
1940—Medical and Literature	15,523.29	
1941—Chapels P.R., S.D., Rec. P.I.	13,391.15	
1942—Relief and Rehabilitation	20,398.18	
1943—Relief and Rehabilitation	27,056.84	
1944—Africa, P.R., S.D.	31,139.20	
1945—Literacy	33,124.86	
		$141,483.52

Love Offerings:			
1939—Scholarship Fund	$ 3,271.40		
1941—Rural Evangel—P.R.	4,194.29		
1943—Equipment—Missionaries	5,798.07		
1945—Res. and Med.—Kono	8,006.96		
		$ 21,270.72	
Glad Chest Offerings:			
—China	$ 1,250.00		
—Puerto Rico	4,133.70		
1944—China	7,123.70		
1945—Philippine Islands	7,718.72	$ 20,226.12	$330,543.43
Current Liabilities—Non Restricted Funds:			
King Estate Bequest	$ 1,800.00		
Less: Amortization	749.00	$ 1,051.00	
Bowen Estate Bequest		4,200.00	
			$ 5,251.00
Current Liabilities—Appropriation Balances:			
Africa		$ 6,859.89	
China		10,369.38	
Japan		5,870.14	
Puerto Rico		223.38	
Philippines		26,321.19	
		$ 49,643.98	
Reserve for Japan Appropriation		17,269.33	
			$ 66,913.31
			$514,994.34
Capital Funds:			
Capital—General		$346,085.44	
Profit and Loss Fund on Investments		696.00	
Current Work Surplus		109,844.35	
			$456,625.79
Total Liabilities, Expendable Funds and Capital			$971,620.13

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME

Current Funds:			
Budget		$ 59,533.18	
Offerings and Gifts:			
General	$ 2,444.43		
Africa	12,549.06		
China	6,073.80		
Puerto Rico	2,134.00		
Philippines	6,755.64		
Santo Domingo	2,400.00		
		$ 32,356.93	
Income from Endowment and Other Investments:			
Interest Earned	$ 8,948.91		
Oil Royalty (King Estate)	500.00		
		$ 9,448.91	$101,339.02

From Special Funds:		
Kissy Fund	$ 500.00	
World Friendship Project	750.00	
Puerto Rico Hospital Fund	365.00	
		$ 1,615.00
From Women's Missionary Association:		
General	$ 22,367.35	
Africa	30,192.94	
China	30,596.14	
Japan	8,736.43	
Philippines	28,469.23	
Puerto Rico	10,736.34	
Santo Domingo	1,052.79	
		$132,151.22
Total Income		$235,105.24

EXPENDITURES

Mission Work:		
Africa	$ 52,000.00	
China	40,000.00	
Japan	2,000.00	
Puerto Rico	20,944.00	
Philippines	27,500.00	
Santo Domingo	7,000.00	
United Andean Indian	3,000.00	
		$152,444.00
Interdenominational:		
Foreign Mission Conference	$ 308.00	
Missionary Education Movement	75.00	
World Sunday School Association	75.00	
Student Volunteer Movement	75.00	
Christian Medical Council	75.00	
Rural Missions Committee	135.00	
Africa Committee	310.00	
Committee on Cooperation in Latin America	504.00	
Philippine Committee	288.00	
East Asia Committee	413.00	
Union Seminary, Philippines	144.00	
Social and Economic Research Committee	100.00	
Union Seminary, Puerto Rico	500.00	
Committee on Religious Liberty and Missionary Freedom	50.00	
Committee on the Christian Home	12.50	
Committee on Friendly Relations	100.00	
International Council of Religious Education—Radio Program	125.00	
		$ 3,289.50

Administrative and Promotional:			
Secretary's Salary		$ 4,075.00	
Field Worker's Salary		650.00	
General Travel		2,284.46	
Field Travel		546.62	
Clerical		3,332.85	
Office Expense		170.46	
Postage		1,079.34	
Telephone and Telegraph		230.72	
Rent		1,320.00	
Auditor		145.00	
Promotional:			
Paid	$ 3,590.95		
Received	225.83		
		$ 3,365.12	
Literature:			
Paid	$ 253.80		
Received	230.22		
		$ 23.58	
Miscellaneous		159.28	
Depreciation—Office Furniture		19.47	
			$ 17,401.90
Other Expense:			
Interest Paid on Annuities		$ 3,237.91	
Pension and Annuity Fund—Appropriation		5,092.56	
Medical Education Fund—Appropriation		200.00	
Reserve for Japan—Appropriation—Excess of designated gifts for Japan over the appropriation for the year		6,736.43	
Deputation Fund—Appropriation		5,000.00	
			$ 20,266.90
Total Expenses			$193,402.30

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Capital—January 1, 1945			$499,641.90
Deduct:			
Estimated losses on property in foreign fields:			
China		$ 99,742.91	
Philippine Islands		53,813.55	
			$153,556.46
Capital—December 31, 1945			$346,085.44
Surplus—January 1, 1945		$ 69,653.67	
Add:			
Receipts for Rehabilitation	$ 2,405.52		
Excess of Income over expense and appropriations for year ended December 31, 1945	41,702.94	$ 44,108.46	
		$113,762.13	

Deduct:			
Transfer to Rehabilitation and expansion fund receipts for current and prior years		$ 3,917.78	
Surplus—December 31, 1945			$109,844.35
Capital and Surplus—December 31, 1945			$455,929.79

APPROPRIATIONS

For Year Ending December 31, 1945

Africa:			
Appropriations for 1945	$52,000.00		
Special Appropriations:			
Milk Fund	1,044.76		
Library Fund	571.75		
Special Credits	6,515.61		
Total Credits		$ 60,132.12	
Paid on Appropriation	$53,018.88		
Overdraft—January 1, 1945	253.35		
Total Debits		$ 53,272.23	
Balance—December 31, 1945			$ 6,859.89
China:			
Balance—January 1, 1945	$ 6,703.65		
Appropriation for 1945:			
South China	$35,000.00		
West China	5,000.00		
	$40,000.00		
Special Credits and Relief	$18,974.80		
Total Credits		$ 65,678.45	
Paid on Appropriation:			
South China	$52,809.07		
West China	2,500.00		
		$ 55,309.07	
Balance—December 31, 1945			$ 10,369.38
Japan:			
Balance—January 1, 1945	$ 4,870.14		
Appropriation for 1945	2,000.00		
Total Credits		$ 6,870.14	
Paid on Appropriation		1,000.00	
Balance—December 31, 1945			$ 5,870.14

Philippines:			
Balance—January 1, 1945	$39,944.41		
Appropriation for 1945	27,500.00		
Special Credits and Relief	11,475.05		
Total Credits		$ 78,919.46	
Paid on Appropriation		52,598.27	
Balance—December 31, 1945			$ 26,321.19
Puerto Rico:			
Balance—January 1, 1945	$ 437.05		
Appropriations for 1945	20,944.00		
Special Appropriations:			
Interest on Haak Fund $120.00			
Scholarship Fund 150.00			
	$ 270.00		
Total Credits		$ 21,651.05	
Paid on Appropriations		21,427.67	
Balance—December 31, 1945			$ 223.38
Santo Domingo:			
Appropriation for 1945		$ 7,000.00	
Special Credits		79.62	
Total Credits		$7,079.62	
Paid on Appropriation		7,079.62	
United Andean Indian:			
Appropriation for 1945		$ 3,000.00	
Paid on Appropriation		3,000.00	
Total Appropriation Balances			$ 49,643.98

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Receipts—For Year Ending December 31, 1945

Current Work:			
General	$22,367.35		
Africa	30,192.94		
China	30,596.14		
Japan	8,736.43		
Philippines	28,469.23		
Puerto Rico	10,736.34		
Santo Domingo	1,052.79		
		$132,151.22	
Building and Equipment:			
General	$ 303.55		
Special:			
Philippine Chapels:			
White Memorial $ 964.55			
Larson Memorial 1,000.00			
Chapel, Harford School 1,144.87			
Tiama 614.00	$ 3,723.42		
		$ 4,026.97	

Appropriation Credits:			
Africa	$ 721.91		
China	596.42		
Philippines	50.00		
		$ 1,368.33	
Special Fund:			
W. M. A. Day Offering—1944	$ 1,488.73		
Love Offering—1945	8,006.96		
Glad Chest Offering—1945	7,718.72		
Africa Advance Project	59.20		
Philippine Advance Project	2,446.05		
China Advance Project	1,420.39		
W. M. A. Day Offering—1945	33,124.86		
Glad Chest Offering—1944	307.93		
Puerto Rico Hospital Fund	365.00		
Otterbein Guild Christmas Tree Offering	1,148.89		
China Relief	4,057.40		
Africa Milk Fund	936.51		
Philippine Relief	38.15		
Foreign Relief	87.00		
Rehabilitation and Expansion	2,328.76		
Medical Fund	120.00	$ 63,654.55	
Total			$201,201.07

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Administration
Board of Foreign Missions,
The Church of the United Brethren in Christ
Dayton, Ohio.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Foreign Missionary Society as of December 31, 1945 and the statements of income and expense for the year then ended, have reviewed the accounting procedures of the Society and have examined or tested accounting records of the Society and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which we considered necessary.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet, together with the notes attached thereto, and related statments of income and expenses present fairly the position of the Foreign Missionary Society at December 31, 1945, and the results of its operations for the year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

(Signed) BATTELLE AND BATTELLE,
Certified Public Accountants.

May 1, 1946.

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Foreign Missionary Society, United Brethren in Christ

held in the U. B. Building at Dayton, Ohio

October 30 and 31, 1946

The forty-first annual session of the Foreign Missionary Society of the United Brethren in Christ (the ninety-third session of the Home, Frontier and Foreign Missionary Society) was called to order in office of the Publishing Agent, on the twenty-first floor of the U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio at 9:00 a.m. The president of the Board, Bishop A. R. Clippinger, presided. He read as a Scripture lesson, Genesis 5:24 and brought a brief message on "Walking With God." "If we would walk with God" he said, "we must go in God's direction, and keep step with Him."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Harlan H. Thomas of Kansas. The roll was called and following members of the Board responded: Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Bishop Ira D. Warner, Bishop V. O. Weidler, Bishop F. L. Dennis, Bishop J. B. Showers, Dr. S. G. Ziegler, Dr. O. T. Ehrhart, Dr. C. W. Winey, Dr. H. H. Thomas, Mr. M. B. Monn, Mr. E. R. Kek, Mrs. S. S. Hough, Mrs. C. C. Yund, Mrs. J. G. Howard. A communication was read from Mr. Harold Lutz, the only absent member of the Board, expressing his regret at being unable to attend.

On motion of Dr. Ziegler, the printed program and committees were approved. Upon motion of Dr. Ziegler, it was voted to give advisory relationship to all missionaries and other visitors not members of the Board and to grant them the courtesies of the floor. They were also granted the privilege of serving as advisory members on committees dealing with their respective mission. A motion by Bishop Weidler that we recess at 11:30 was passed. Dr. Ziegler reviewed the actions of the executive committee in the three meetings held during the year.

Upon motion of Dr. Winey, the minutes of the executive committee were adopted. The matter of the appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Leon Maneval was reviewed at the request of Bishop Showers. After careful consideration it was moved by Dr. Winey and seconded by Bishop Dennis that the former decision be sustained. Dr. Ziegler was asked to send a letter to Dr. Paul Weaver and the Manevals informing them of the action.

The General Secretary, Dr. S. G. Ziegler, presented his annual report. Upon motion of Bishop Warner it was received with appreciation, and the recommendations were referred to the appropriate committees.

Rev. Carl Eschbach presented his report as Associate Secretary. Dr. Winey moved its adoption and motion was carried.

The report of the Women's Missionary Association was read by the General Secretary, Miss Janet Gilbert. Upon motion of Bishop Showers, the report was adopted.

Mr. Wesley O. Clark, treasurer, presented his report.

The auditor's report was read by Dr. Ziegler. On motion of Bishop Showers, seconded by Bishop Warner, it was voted to approve the reports.

Rev. Carl Eschbach made a comprehensive report of the plans for the "Rehabilitation and Advance Campaign." On motion of Bishop Warner the

plans were approved and referred to the joint meeting of the executive committees of the Home and Foreign Boards.

The Board then adjourned to re-convene at 1 p.m. in committee meetings.

Field Committees, 1:30 to 4:00: Africa and the West Indies: Bishop I. D. Warner, Bishop J. B. Showers, O. T. Ehrhart, Mrs. S. S. Hough, Mrs. J. Gordon Howard, H. H. Thomas, M. B. Monn, Walter Schutz, L. O. Shirley, Harry Zech, Miss Mary McKenzie and Richard Caulker.

China, Japan and the Philippines: Bishop F. L. Dennis, E. R. Kek, C. W. Winey, Mrs. C. C. Yund, Harold Lutz, Carl Eschbach, Calvin Reber, Mrs. J. B. Showers, A. T. Howard, J. Edgar Knipp and Peter Wong.

Administrative Committees, 4:00 to 5:30: Apropriations and Finance: Bishop A. R. Clippinger, O. T. Ehrhart, Mrs. S. S. Hough, Mrs. C. C. Yund, S. G. Ziegler, H. H. Thomas, W. O Clark, E R. Kek.

Home Cultivation and Promotion: Bishop V. O. Weidler, Bishop J. B. Showers, C. W. Winey, M. B. Monn, Harold Lutz, Carl Eschbach, Miss Janet Gilbert, S. G. Ziegler, Mrs. J. G. Howard.

Evening—October 30

The meeting was called to order by the president. Devotions were in charge of Bishop J. B. Showers who read seven verses of the sixth chapter of Second Corinthians, and challenged us to use the spiritual resources at our command to make an impact upon the world in which we live.

Mr. Robert D. Smith appeared before the Board to present a proposed Pension Trust Plan, guaranteed by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company for the pensioning of missionaries and other workers employed by the Foreign Missionary Society who are not eligible to the general pension plan.

Rev. Eschbach read the report of the committee on missionary salaries. Bishop Warner moved the adoption of the report. The motion prevailed.

Report on Missionary Salaries

At the last Board meeting the Executive Committee was asked to make a study of salaries and authorize such modifications or additions as the present situation may require. A slight change upward in salaries is recommended with a "living supplement" grant to take care of extra costs during this period of inflation.

AFRICA

Present Salary		*Proposed Salary*	
Couple	*Single Worker*	*Couple*	*Single Worker*
$1,300	$700	$1,600	$900

*The family assigned to Freetown shall be granted $200 annually for entertainment purposes.

PUERTO RICO

Couple	*Single Worker*	*Couple*	*Single Worker*
$1,600	$800	$1,800	$1,000

*Plus a living supplement of $200 for each family. $100 for each single worker.

PHILIPPINES

Couple	*Single Worker*	*Couple*	*Single Worker*
$1,650	$850	$2,000	$1,000

*Plus a living supplement of $800 for each family and $400 for single workers.

CHINA

Couple	*Single Worker*	*Couple*	*Single Worker*
$1,750	$850	$2,000	$1,000

*Plus a living supplement of $2,000 for each family and $1,000 for each single worker.

All other allowances to remain the same.

Children's allowance:

$100 per year up to ten years of age.

$150 per year up to eighteen years of age.

$200 per year plus tuition when the children attend a United Brethren college.

Medical Allowance:

$25.00 per year for each individual.

Outfit and Equipment allowance for new missionaries:

1. In Africa, where heavy furniture is supplied by the mission, the allowance is $100 for each missionary.
2. In other fields the allowance is $200 for each missionary.

We recognize the need at the present time for additional aid for purchasing outfit and equipment for new missionaries and recommend that a supplemental grant be allowed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

(*) This "Living Supplement" is recommended for the year 1947.

Dr. Ziegler presented the matter of Church Union and reviewed the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee of Eighteen, nine from each of the uniting churches. Upon motion of Bishop Showers, the Minutes were approved.

The meeting of the new Executive Committee was announced for January 2-4, 1947 in Dayton, Ohio. The meeting of the Board of Missions of the United Church was announced also, February 4-6, 1947 in Dayton.

Rev. Stanley Forkner, chaplain in the U. S. Army, now on terminal leave, brought a most interesting message on our work in the Philippines as he saw it while on duty in the Islands. He expressed his appreciation of the work being done by our missionaries and spoke with appreciation of our Filipino Christian brethren.

After discussion on certain items in the new Mission Board as set up in the United Church, the board adjourned to meet on Thursday morning, October 31st, at 10 o'clock.

Committees met from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. to complete their work.

Morning Session—10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Fred L. Dennis and prayer offered by Dr. C. W. Winey.

The report of the Mission in Africa, written by Dr. J. F. Musselman, superintendent, was read by Rev. L. O. Shirley. Upon motion of Dr. Winey, it was adopted, and recommendations passed to the proper committees.

Rev. Harry Zech, our representative in Puerto Rico, presented his report for this field. Upon motion of Bishop Showers, the report was adopted and recommendations referred to appropriate committees.

Dr. Ziegler read a letter from Mr. Donald McCreery, agent of the Clark estate in Colorado, closing out that estate. Upon motion of Bishop Warner, the report was received with appreciation and placed on file.

Upon motion of Dr. Ziegler, Bishop Clippinger, Rev. Eschbach and Dr. Roy D. Miller were nominated as delegates to the Foreign Missions Conference to be held at Buck Hill Falls, January 14-17. Mrs. Hough moved that the name of Dr. Ziegler be added. The motion carried.

Upon motion of Dr. Showers, the secretary was instructed to express to Dr. L. L. Huffman our appreciation for the use of his office for the meeting of the Board.

Dr. Ziegler read the statement which he had prepared covering the action of the Board relative to Rev. and Mrs. Leon Maneval. Bishop Showers moved that we accept this as the expression of the Board. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to meet at 1 p.m.

Luncheon Hour 11:00 to 1:00.

A luncheon was held in the Rike-Kumler dining room at noon on October 31, in honor of Miss Emma Spahr who has completed thirty-four years of service in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society. Following the luncheon, Bishop A. R. Clippinger presided and introduced Dr. Ziegler who spoke in high praise of the excellent service rendered by Miss Spahr and presented to her a check and a pen and pencil set as tokens of appreciation from members of the Board and friends. On behalf of the missionaries, Mrs. Ruth Eschbach presented her a corsage. Opportunity was given and missionaries from the different fields spoke of the friendly and faithful service she rendered. To all of this Miss Spahr responded very graciously.

Afternoon Session—1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the president of the Board. Bishop Weidler read the Scripture and Rev. Peter Wong led in prayer in his own language.

The report of the Chinese mission, written by Dr. Frank Oldt, was read by Rev. Calvin Reber. Dr. Winey moved its adoption and stated that its recommendations had already been considered by the committees. The motion carried.

Rev. C. C. Witmer's report on the Philippines was read by Rev. Eschbach. Bishop Weidler moved that it be adopted and that its recommendations be referred to the proper committees. The motion carried.

Rev. Eschbach called attention to the report of the Project Board of the Philippine Conference, stating that the requests of the board for chapels will be met from the rehabilitation fund.

The report of the Field Committee on Missions in China, Japan and the Philippines was brought by Rev. Eschbach. Dr. Winey moved that the part of the report relating to China be adopted, and the motion carried.

Dr. Ziegler moved that Dr. Frank Oldt be allowed to come home next year, one year before his regular furlough, and that he be sent back for another term of five years. The motion carried.

Bishop Warner's motion, that the section of the report on the Philippines be adopted was passed.

Upon motion of Bishop Dennis the section of the report pertaining to Japan was adopted.

At this point Dr. Knipp made an impassionate plea for the church in Japan, presenting the conditions of our Christian brethren, materially and spiritually, and challenging us to prepare to enter Japan with missionary personnel and money as soon as possible.

The section of the report which relates to the deputation to the Orient was also adopted by motion.

On motion of Bishop Warner China, Japan and the Philippines, as amended, was approved.

Report of Missions in China, Japan and The Philippines

The Committee on China, Japan and the Philippines has considered the recommendations of the General Secretary, the reports from the mission fields and statements from mission representatives present in the meeting, and submits the following recommendations:

China:

We are thankful for the presence of Rev. Peter Wong at this Board meeting and we take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for his capable leadership in the Church of Christ in China. Through the dark years of war when material possessions were swept away, and the evils of mankind threatened to blot out all hope, all good, all light. In the midst of these trials Peter Wong maintained the spiritual glow and served his people in the name of Christ. For his Christian witness and the testimony of other Chinese Christians we are most grateful.

We favor the continuance of educational institutions in China that give a thorough training to our ministers and Christian workers. An educated ministry that meets the needs of the growing church in the new day for China is our goal. We, therefore, commend our Chinese brethren and fellow missionaries who labored so valiantly to maintain these institutions through the difficult war years.

We tentatively recommend that Union Theological College continue its service as a separate institution, looking forward to the time when it will occupy its own buildings as in the past. We further request that the deputation to China study carefully while on the field the proposed cooperating relationship with Lingnan University and make suitable recommendations.

We recommend the assignment of Rev. and Mrs. John Knecht as teachers to Lingnan University be considered as temporary and subject to future action of the Kwangtung Synod.

We approve the suggestion from the field concerning the temporary assignment of Rev. Charles Ashley to the Pui Ying Middle School, and we refer the request for the appointment to the Kwangtung Synod.

We commend the leaders of the Kwangtung Synod for their aggressive and courageous leadership, and we state again our willingness to strengthen the United Mission program by recommending that our Mission Board maintain personal relationship with the Kwangtung Synod directly, rather than dealing through the General Assembly. We believe it to be the duty of the Synod to strengthen the General Assembly and make it a truly indigenous movement.

We recommend approval of the plan of the Kwangtung Synod to make Siu Lam a rural center of Christian activity stressing evangelism, education and medical work. We urge the Board to supply the workers and supplies needed in this demonstration under the direction of the leaders of the Chinese Church.

We recommend the appointment of Dr. C. W. Shoop as treasurer of the China Mission and the renewal of his power of attorney.

We recommend the term of service for China be five years on the field and the furlough period be fifteen months away from the field.

In response to a request from the Kwangtung Synod it is recommended that we ask Dr. C. W. Shoop to complete his present term of service, if health and conditions on the field permit.

We recommend that Dr. Frank Oldt be granted an early furlough next year in accordance with his request.

Philippines:

The progress that has been made in rehabilitation of the churches and mission property in the Philippines is amazing. A comparison of last year's report with this year's statement of progress is challenging. We realize that much of the building program must be considered as a temporary nature. However, the program is under way and we rejoice in this knowledge.

We commend our Filipino brethren, both ministerial and lay-readers for their untiring devotion to this task and pledge anew our continued spiritual and material support as they build for the Master. Much of the reconstruction work has been made possible through the labor of Rev. C. C. Witmer. The report shows the development of a comprehensive plan to establish the church to meet the need of the hour and we commend him for this demonstration of progressive leadership.

We also wish to state for the Board and the Church our deep appreciation for the loyalty of Miss Myrtle Metzger and Miss Lottie Spessard as they continue to serve our mountain brethren through these difficult days. May their faithfulness challenge the entire church to a new sense of sharing with those in difficult places.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. Don R. Falkenberg, Jr., as treasurer of the Philippine Mission with the power of attorney for the transaction of business.

At the request of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Widdoes we recommend they be granted a retired relationship as of December 31, 1946. Following their return to America last year, Dr. and Mrs. Widdoes have been engaged in a strenuous program of visitation and promotion among the churches at home. They have added this valued contribution to the growth of the church through the years. As they enter into this new relationship, we recommend they turn their attention to writing those stories of the Philippine Mission that have been so much a part of their lives. They have made history for the church and the church needs to have in print the record of pioneering that established the United Brethren Church in the Philippines.

We recommend that the term of service in the Philippines be five years on the field and the furlough period be fifteen months away from the field.

We approve the organization of the Evangelical Educational Association in the Philippines to promote the common interest of all Evangelical educa-

tion. We recommend that the necessary appropriation be made available for this cause.

We realize the urgency of rebuilding each station in the Philippines as soon as possible. However, we believe the on-going church should receive our major emphasis for strengthening and support at the present time with the auxiliary agencies of the church receiving assistance in personnel and finance, when available.

Japan:

We rejoice in the renewal of fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters in Japan through the visit last fall of the deputation of four Christian leaders from America. The hearty welcome given them witnesses to the undying love of Christ's followers for one another no matter what happens in political and national affairs.

As the united Church of Christ in Japan heroically faces tremendous tasks, we thank God that He has given our church a share in the work of making Him known and loved throughout that nation. The purpose of the Japanese Christians, as declared in the All-Japan Christian Convention held in Tokyo on Pentecost Sunday, to do their uttermost "to save their compatriots from the menace of impending starvation," and "to inaugurate a three-year nation-wide evangelistic campaign for the reconstruction of New Japan and Christianize their nation through the cross of Christ," challenges our most hearty cooperation in every possible way.

We endorse the action of the Japan Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference to send:

(1) $200,000 to aid in the construction of temporary church buildings in cities and towns where out of 2,000 churches 457 were bombed or burned, and a similar number of parsonages were destroyed.

(2) $100,000 for supplementing salaries of pastors until the harvest, in order that they might meet in part the tremendous increase in cost of living, due to inflation and scarcity of food.

We would also endorse the plan for the establishment of a strong Christian university where equipment, facilities and scholarship will equal anything the Japanese government can provide, and at the same time be an institution where the Christian faith and its spirit will permeate the teaching and interpret truth in all spheres of life.

This plan was inaugurated at the meeting of the Federal Council of Churches at its Columbus meeting and endorsed by the Foreign Missions Conference.

The solicitation of funds will be general. It is expected that many foundations and many public spirited citizens will contribute. And it is believed that such a gift from America will do much in the work of reconciliation.

From the "Commission of Six" now representing the Churches of America in cooperation with the Church of Christ in Japan are coming calls for the return of former missionaries and also for young, enthusiastic vigorous and consecrated young people, able and well trained. These latter would be a living expression of the best we have to offer from our churches. The tasks are great, the field is "ripe unto the harvest," the laborers are few." Our Japanese friends need the encouragement of a friendly shoulder at the wheel as they, in the midst of countless difficulties, try to carry on.

We, therefore, recommend that our Board seek at least two couples for service in Japan. At present SCAP (the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers), does not allow new missionaries to enter Japan. But in the not distant future, this privilege will doubtless be granted. Such candidates could be getting training in the language and be making other essential preparation.

Due to conditions that naturally follow a most destructive war, the Church in Japan is facing problems so baffling that it is hard for us in America to imagine them. Taking into account the whole situation as revealed by recent letters from Rev. C. Yusuda, (formerly executive secretary of our Japan U. B. Conference, and now head of Kyoto Regional Conference with 60 churches), and from the members of the "Commission of Six," we recommend that in determining our Budget for Cooperation with the Church of Christ in Japan, we plan to have in hand a sum *sufficient to meet adequately and promptly the pressing needs as they are presented to our Board.*

Deputation

We rejoice in the knowledge that Bishop Fred L. Dennis and Dr. S. G. Ziegler are to visit our mission in the Orient soon. We urge that the plans include sufficient time for careful study of mission policy and, in consultation with missionaries and national leaders, the planning of a long range program for each field.

Bishop Fred L. Dennis
E. R. Kek
C. W. Winey
A. T. Howard
Mrs. J. B. Showers
C. B. Eschbach
Calvin Reber

Doctor Ziegler presented the following resolution which was approved:

Resolved: The Board heard with much appreciation the story of Rev. Peter Wong's work in China during the war years, of his endless efforts to provide shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, clothing for the poor and a place of refuge for the hundreds of orphans made parentless by the war. We heard, also, of his untiring efforts to evangelize the multitudes, bring comfort to the sorrowing and organize churches for the churchless in Kukung and Kweilin.

Be it resolved, therefore, that we express our appreciation for this knightly service rendered in a time of danger and hardship to needy and worthy people in the name of Christ.

Rev. H. H. Thomas made a motion that a sum, not to exceed $500, be set aside by the Board for stenographic help to Dr. H. W. Widdoes in the preparation of memoirs of the Philippine Mission, and to other missionaries preparing similar material on other fields; and that this Board undertake the publication of same. Motion carried.

The report of the special committee on Africa was read by Miss Mary McKenzie.

Report of Special Committee on Africa

From the beginning of our missionary work in Sierra Leone, we have looked forward to the time when nationals would assume greater leadership and responsibility for the development and establishment of the Church

in Africa. This process has been slower than in other countries such as China and the Philippines because of inadequate educational provision on the field.

But we rejoice that several of our African young men have completed their studies in the States and have returned to Africa, qualified for positions of leadership. They have gone back at a time when unprecedented, almost unlimited, opportunities are open to them. It becomes necessary for the Foreign Missionary Society to readjust its policy in order to encourage and aid these trained workers as they rejoin the field staff.

To this end the Executive Committee appointed a committee composed of Dr. S. G. Ziegler, Mrs. S. S. Hough, Miss McKenzie, Mr. R. E. Caulker and Dr. Walter Schutz to bring recommendations before this board relative to,

(1) Future policy for foreign students.
(2) Salaries for higher trained African workers.
(3) The place Albert Academy should hold in the ongoing program of the Church in relation to present day trends in Sierra Leone.

Future Policy for Foreign Students

One of the measures recommended for developing a better understanding among the various nations and peoples of the world, is a larger and more general exchange of students. The Church, in its on-going program of world evangelism, is aware of the value of such study. It is encouraging students from our mission fields and assisting them in securing their education. It is not the purpose of the Committee to discourage this great avenue for better understanding among the respective peoples of the world. But after a careful study of our experience in aiding students the past ten years, and in view of the improved educational facilities on many of the mission fields, we make the following recommendations:

1. That the student be encouraged to take every advantage of the educational institutions in his own country. If these are available and offer the courses desired, then the student should complete his work for his B.A. degree before he considers study abroad.

2. If for any reason the student should come to America to secure his education before he has completed his work for his B.A., then he must secure, (a) a recommendation from the Conference and Mission Council; (b) provide his own transportation to the States.

3. When a student comes on these conditions, the Conference and Council should recommend what the nature of his training should be and what particular work he is to do on his return home.

4. That the student who is accepted by one of our colleges or enrolls in another institution and is dependent on the Church for his support, shall be subject to the schedule of self-help as prescribed by the institution which he is attending and by the Foreign Board which may arrange speaking engagements for him.

5. That all offerings received for services in churches, camps, etc., shall be reported and placed in a student fund from which scholarship shall be granted said students.

6. That the Foreign Mission Board shall assume responsibility for the education of students who come under these terms and who train for special work in the mission.

7. That in return for such financial aid the student should agree to give service to the Church on his return home on such terms and for such

length of time as are mutually agreed by the student and the mission board.

8. If for any reason the Foreign Board, the Mission or the student wishes to be relieved from the regulations governing his service on his return home, he may be granted such release provided he recognizes that his scholarship aid becomes due at once and makes satisfactory plans to reimburse the student aid fund.

Proposed Salaries for Workers with Bachelor Degree and Above

1. That unmarried workers be paid an initial annual salary of 200-0-0, with an annual increment of 10-0-0 until the salary reaches 220-0-0. This to be an efficiency bar, i.e. further promotions to depend on quality of efficiency demonstrated. If the Conference Committee on salaries votes in favor of promotion, further annual increment of 10-0-0 will be given until the maximum of 250-0-0 is attained for a single man.

(Note: This scale is limited to five years, for a young man will seldom be unmarried for that length of time after graduate work is completed.)

2. That married workers be paid an initial salary of 250-0-0 with an annual increment of 10-0-0 until the salary reaches 300-0-0. This to be an efficiency bar, i.e. further promotion depends on quality of work demonstrated. If the Conference Committee on salaries votes in favor of promotion, further annual increment of 10-0-0 will be given until a maximum of 360-0-0 is attained.

The West Africa Conference, or institution served, and the Foreign Missionary Society to share equally in such salaries where the latter is still contributing. It being understood that the church or institution is to increase its support by 1-0-0 each year and the Foreign Missionary Society to decrease by the same amount, until the end of the fifth year when there shall be a restudy of the present salary scale. If the Church or institution is already on full support, then it is responsible for the full salary.

3. That an unmarried doctor be paid an initial annual salary of 275-0-0 with an annual increment of 15-0-0 until the salary reaches 350-0-0 which is the maximum for an unmarried medical worker.

4. That a married doctor be paid an initial annual salary of 350-0-0 with an annual increment of 15-0-0 until the maximum of 425-0-0 is attained.

Medical salaries will be paid in full from the West Africa Hospital Funds.

A Statement on the Standing of Albert Academy

Purpose:

The purpose of the Foreign Missionary Society in founding Albert Academy was to train young men for the Christian ministry and for teaching in the mission schools which were being established throughout the Protectorate. As the scope of the institution broadened, the purpose also became more general so that young men were trained for business and professional careers as well.

With the change of time and the establishing of other schools, the purpose of institutions must be modified and changed also. We recognize this as such a period in the history of our mission in Sierra Leone and recommend that a study be made of the place and work of the Academy in the present trend and development in industry, statecraft and church life in West Africa. Mindful of the value of Christian trained men in all positions of service, whether inside or outside of the mission circle, we shall continue

to support wholeheartedly any future plan which fills the present day needs and is consistent with the Christian principles on which the school was founded.

Relation to Foreign Mission Board:

The Foreign Board holds the title and rights to the Academy property and grounds, but recognizes the institution as a part of the larger work of the Board in Sierra Leone, which includes all the churches and institutions of the Conference. It is, therefore, not independent and apart from these, but one of many members which operate together as one organized body. The Academy, therefore, should report to the Foreign Board through the Superintendent and West Africa Conference.

Responsibility of Principal :

The Principal is appointed by the Foreign Mission Board and is responsible to the Superintendent of the mission and, through him, to the Foreign Board. His duties are as follows:

1. His first concern shall be to administer the school program so that the policy as approved and accepted by the Conference and Foreign Board may come to full realization. This includes authority to provide adequate staff and to readjust curriculum and schedules.
2. He should be sensitive to understand and foresee general trends in conditions affecting the school and be able to present new steps for advancement.
3. He shall present a quarterly financial statement, and an Annual Budget to the Board of Directors and to the Foreign Board.
4. He shall see that all fees are collected regularly and bills paid promptly.
5. He shall present an annual report on the year's work to the Conference and to the Foreign Board.

Financial Obligation:

The purpose of the Foreign Board is to make such institutions financially independent as soon as possible, especially in such items as are commonly considered current administrative expenses. The Board, however, does recognize its financial responsibility for the proper support of the school, especially for maintenance of grounds and buildings and for such major expansion projects as require the expenditure of sums beyond the scope of their local income.

Salary Contract:

The Principal shall be paid according to the salary regulation governing men filling such positions in the Conference from the income of the school which includes current receipts, income from permanent funds or appropriations from the Foreign Board.

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We wish to give due recognition to and record our deep appreciation for the outstanding contribution Albert Academy has given to the Church in Africa. For many years this school was the only source of leadership in our mission; until very recently most of our ministers and teachers received their training here, as well as many men who are prominent today in both government and professional posts.

But with the gradual development of education in Sierra Leone, the government now recognizes only Bunumbu Union College as a normal

training center for Protectorate teachers. Fourah Bay College, which is affiliated with Durham University in England, offers courses in theology and higher normal training. College degrees are conferred for the Liberal Arts Department, Theology and Normal Training.

The British Colonial Development Plan includes certain advance steps for education in Sierra Leone, but both the Government and Education Departments are in a state of transition at this time.

Albert Academy, in addition to teaching the regular academic courses, including Christian Education, is the only high school in Sierra Leone that specializes in Manual Training through the Print and Wood Shops. Most of the mission furniture, equipment for schools and many churches have been made by boys in this school. Now private carpenters in the Protectorate, many of whom were Academy trained, are producing similar supplies. Also, many of the Freetown secretaries and accountants received their training at the Academy where typing, shorthand and bookkeeping have been a part of the curriculum. Both of these fields are open to expansion as other schools are not developing in this manner in any noticeable degree.

Although Bunumbu is the recognized normal training center for Protectorate teachers, neither this school nor Government will be prepared for some time to come to supply a sufficient number of qualified teachers for all schools.

We feel certain that such a school as the Academy has a worthy contribution to give to the on-going program of the Church and to the training of young men in Sierra Leone who may not feel the call to specific mission service. But under present conditions we are unable to foresee the emphasis toward which we should direct our effort in relation to Bunumbu and Fourah Bay College and the tentative plans of Government.

Therefore, we offer this recommendation:

That the Principal, in cooperation with his Board of Directors, and in consultation with both the West Africa Conference and Government, make thorough study of the position the Academy should bear in relation to existing institutions and our mission program. Such findings should be followed by a suggested plan to carry them to realization and forwarded to this Board for consideration.

Bishop Warner moved that the section on the future training of students be adopted and that a copy of these suggestions be sent with a letter to each pastor, asking their cooperation in the matter.

Bishop Showers moved the adoption of the section on the salary scale for African workers who have received a graduate degree. Motion prevailed.

Dr. Ehrhart made a motion that the statement concerning the standing of the Academy and the relation of the Academy to the Foreign Board be adopted. It carried.

Dr. Ehrhart's motion for the adoption of the entire report carried.

On motion it was voted to authorize the treasurer to pay the expenses of the meeting.

On motion the following resolution was passed:

"That the President, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, or any two of such officers, be and they hereby are authorized to execute all legal documents in behalf of the Society necessary for the proper transaction of its business during the year."

"Resolved, that the Treasurer, Wesley O. Clark, of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of the United Brethren be and he is hereby authorized to sell, assign and endorse for transfer certificates representing..... standing in the name of this Board."

The report of the Field Committee on Africa and the West Indies was read by Miss Mary McKenzie.

On motion the section on Africa was adopted.

The report of the field Committee on Puerto Rico was adopted as was the section on Santo Domingo.

The report of the Andean mission was passed, on motion, after some remarks by Dr. Ehrhart about the progress of the Andean Mission.

Dr. Showers moved the adoption of the report on Africa and the West Indies. Carried.

Report of the Committee on Africa and the West Indies

As we present this report on the African and West Indian fields, it is with a very real sense of gratitude for past achievements, but with an even greater hope and expectation for future victories. That we might more effectively and efficiently represent our Lord and serve those in these lands, we submit the following recommendations:

Africa

1. That we accept the report of the Special Committee relative to
   1) future policy for foreign students
   2) proposed salaries for African workers with Bachelor degree and above
   3) the statement on the standing Albert Academy

2. That the term of service be changed from three years on the field and one year furlough to twenty-seven months on the field and nine months furlough. All missionaries sailing after January, 1947, to be on this schedule. Those now on the field will continue on the former plan until their next furlough.

3. That we approve the appointment of Miss Julia White as the successor to Miss Jessie Hoerner for the Freetown office, subject to the report of the Medical Board.

4. That we express our sympathetic interest and appreciation to Mr. Frank Anthony for his fine agricultural program at Bunumbu Union College. Since it is the policy of the mission for orders and requests to pass through certain recognized channels we ask that he submit his needs for equipment to the Bunumbu Council, and, if approved by them, then forward same to the Board.

5. That we approve the appointment of Rev. Don E. Kenney to go to Africa as a short-term builder, providing the routine requirements are met.

6. That a proper certificate of recognition be prepared by the General Secretary for Rev. T. F. Hallowell and Rev. S. B. Caulker, each of whom has given over fifty years of distinctive service to the church in Africa, and that during the forthcoming conference a service be set aside in honor of these two noble men; and that Bishop Warner make the presentation of certificates of recognition in the name of the Foreign Missionary Society.

7. That authorization be given to the Executive Committee to secure a new printing press for the Academy and that the counsel of Bishop Showers be sought in the selection.

8. That we heartily endorse the ten-year policy presented by Dr. Schutz to the 1946 West Africa Conference.

9. That we express our deep appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Schutz for their very fine spirit of concern for the program of the work that has prompted them throughout the years to be willing to serve wherever stationed and to be separated as a family.

In view of Dr. Musselman's request for relief soon, we recommend the following arrangement for the return of Dr. and Mrs. Schutz:

That Dr. Schutz go back this fall to assume his duties as General Superintendent and Rev. and Mrs. Musselman return home when the turnover is conveniently completed and Mrs. Schutz and Roy have reached the field in the summer of 1947; and that Dr. and Mrs. Schutz be granted furlough leave in 1948 in time for them to return so that Roy may take his senior year in high school at home.

10. That the Freetown Headquarters and the Academy be supplied with cars as soon as possible.

11. In reply to Dr. Musselman's recommendations we present the following:

a. That Dr. and Mrs. Lefforge now in the School for Tropical Medicine in Puerto Rico, be sent to the field next summer.

b. That Miss Harding now under appointment as a trained nurse be sent to the field next summer, and that the two other nurses under consideration be appointed if they meet all conditions.

c. That proposal for making Panguma and Kainkordu Central Stations and staffed with a missionary family be held for review until after the union of the two boards.

d. That the request of Jaiama for a car be included in the total presentation of similar needs at other stations.

e. That we favor the extension of the Rotifunk Hospital when the government is prepared to produce 50% of the estimated cost.

12. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Shirley we look forward to the possibility of more effective supervision in the Kono area by such means as the helicopter, and to the great opportunity of evangelism through the use of the radio.

13. On November 28th Bishop and Mrs. Warner leave by plane for a deputational tour of the African Field. We wish for them a pleasant journey of high inspiration, and trust they will be able to enlarge the vision of our African brethren, challenging them to branch out in an effort of greater responsibility.

Bishop Ira D. Warner
Bishop J. B. Showers
O. T. Ehrhart
Mrs. S. S. Hough
Mrs. J. G. Howard
H. H. Thomas
M. B. Monn
Walter Schutz
L. O. Shirley
Harry Zech
Richard Caulker
Mary McKenzie

The report of the committee on Home Cultivation and Promotion was read by Rev. Eschbach and adopted on motion of Dr. Winey.

Committee on Home Cultivation and Promotion

We recognize the need of presenting information and inspiration concerning the mission program abroad to the churches and friends at home. The responsibility for sharing this information in the most attractive and profitable manner possible is of prime importance in more adequately bringing to realization the hopes and aspirations of our workers in the field. Together we must fulfill the will of the Master. Your Committee, therefore, presents these suggestions and recommendations:

1. The reports and proceedings of this Board meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ contains statements of mission policy that should receive wide publicity. We therefore recommend the publication of these reports with the accompanying minutes in an attractive form for distribution throughout the church. We further recommend that this publication contain a Foreword prepared by Bishop A. R. Clippinger, bearing tribute to the courageous leadership of our General Secretary in furthering the Foreign Mission program and that this volume be dedicated to Dr. Ziegler.

2. We recommend a special appeal be directed to our Sunday schools and Young People's Societies throughout the church to provide hymn books for our Christian friends in Japan. Use of literature supplied by the mission office with the imprint of the Foreign Missionary Society is suggested. This is an attractive folder with pledge card attached.

3. We recommend the part-time employment of Miss Mary McKenzie and the full-time employment of Dr. B. F. Shively for the promotion of the Missionary Crusade. We approve the publication of the literature relating to the Crusade and recommend the continuance of the quarterly bulletin, "Missionary Crusade."

4. The booklet, "Christian World Facts," is recognized as a leading source book of missionary promotion for ministers and church workers. We recommend the 1947 publication be supplied to each pastor for use in the program of the Church.

5. We recommend the part-time employment of Miss Mary McKenzie to head the work of Visual Education for the mission Board and authorize such expenditure as may be necessary to secure equipment and material for the purpose. Since a visitation to Africa and the Orient will take place in the near future we suggest Miss McKenzie plan carefully with each deputation concerning the type of pictures needed for use among the churches at home.

6. We approve the plans prepared by the Secretarial Staff for the Campaign of Rehabilitation and Advance, with such alterations and changes as may be wise as the campaign proceeds.

We further recommend the employment of a Director General to give full time to the successful completion of the Financial Campaign. Said Director General to be appointed jointly by the Executive Committees of the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board and the Women's Missionary Association.

7. We recommend to the church at large the opportunity and necessity for sending relief packages to Christian friends in Japan. Names of pastors and friends are available from the mission office, and packages may be

directed to individuals. We urge wide publicity of this means of putting into practice the principle of world brotherhood.

8. We recommend the continuation of the college visitation plan for 1947, stressing the total church program and emphasizing the need for Christian leaders at home and abroad. This presentation will be a joint undertaking in cooperation with the Home Mission Board and the Women's Missionary Association.

9. We commend the National Otterbein Brotherhood for their efforts in raising the church's contribution to the World Service Fund and strongly urge the preparation of missionary material for use with the Brotherhood —material of special interest to the men of the Church.

Bishop V. O. Weidler
Bishop J. B. Showers
C. W. Winey
M. B. Monn
Mrs. C. C. Yund
Miss Janet Gilbert
Carl B. Eschbach

Dr. Ziegler read the report of the Committee on Appropriations and Finance.

Report of Committee on Appropriations and Finance

Having studied carefully the estimates submitted by the various missions and realizing the urgency of the situation, and having scrutinized our finances, your committee recommends the following appropriations for 1947:

Africa		
Current Work:		
Council	$38,653.00	
Council—To cover 1946 expenses for new Missionaries	6,000.00	
Conference	29,211.00	
Advance Work	960.00	
		$74,824.00
Special Appropriations:		
School Buildings and Repair	$ 4,500.00	
For Tiama and Moyamba Buildings	30,000.00	
For Caulker's Travel (Albert Academy Permanent Fund Interest)	600.00	
China		
Current Work:		
Synod	$40,000.00	
Mission	24,000.00	
Yunnan	5,000.00	
		$69,000.00
Special Appropriation:		
Relief and Rehabilitation	$20,000.00	
Philippines		
Current Work	$43,215.00	
Special Appropriations:		
Relief and Rehabilitation	$20,000.00	

Puerto Rico

Current Work	$21,412.00	
New Worker	1,700.00	
		$23,112.00
Special Appropriations:		
For Buildings and Chapel	$ 3,500.00	

Other Fields

Japan	$15,000.00	
Santo Domingo (1947)	5,000.00	
Santo Domingo (1946 budget)	1,000.00	
Santo Domingo (Reserve and Deficit Fund)	2,000.00	
Santo Domingo (Chapel Fund)	600.00	
Santo Domingo (Scholarship Fund)	600.00	
United Andean Indian Mission	4,000.00	
Interdenominational	3,000.00	
		$21,200.00

Administration

Salaries	$ 8,700.00	
Clerical	3,500.00	
General Travel	2,000.00	
Field Travel	600.00	
Postage	1,000.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	250.00	
Rent	1,600.00	
Office Expense	200.00	
Audit	150.00	
Legal Fee	100.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	
Contingent Fund	5,000.00	
		$23,350.00
Promotion (not current expenditures):		
Salaries	$ 4,000.00	
Field Travel	2,000.00	
Publicity Material	5,000.00	
		$11,000.00

All other Crusade expenses to be charged against the Crusade receipts.

Other Expenses:

Interest on Annuities	$ 4,000.00
Pension	10,000.00
Deputation Fund	4,500.00

Special Recommendations

We recommend:

1. The reelection of Rev. Carl Eschbach as Associate Secretary for the year 1947.

2. The employment of Dr. B. F. Shively and Miss Mary McKenzie to assist in the missionary crusade and the Rehabilitation and Advance Campaign, and that their salary and expense be charged to the account of the campaign.

3. The approval of the salary scale presented by the Special Committee.

4. The approval of the "living supplement" grant during 1947 for China, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico if and when cost of living make it necessary.

5. The appropriation of $2,500 or such amount of said sum as may be needed to meet the obligations Dr. H. W. Widdoes and Rev. Carl Eschbach incurred by borrowing money to supplement their food allotment and the allotment of their fellow missionaries during their internment.

6. That a scholarship grant of $600 be made to Dr. Everett Lefforge on conditions governing such grants.

7. That the Current Surplus Account be set aside as a current fund reserve for 1948 and 1949 appropriations.

8. That the present officers of the Board be continued as the officers of this Board until their successors are elected or a full transfer of all assets are made and the existing corporation is finally dissolved.

9. That the officers of the Board be and hereby are empowered to fix the time of unification and make all necessary arrangements for the transfer of property and assets, except such as are needed to carry on the present corporation or cannot be legally transferred.

10. That a complete audit of the assets of the Board be made as of the time of the unification and transfer.

Committee:
Bishop A. R. Clippinger
O. T. Ehrhart
Mrs. Mary E. Hough
Mrs. C. C. Yund
H. H. Thomas
E. R. Kek
S. G. Ziegler
W. O. Clark

Doctor Showers moved its adoption, and motion prevailed.

Dr. Ziegler moved that we supplement our present pension system during 1947 by a special grant of $10 per month to retired single worker and $15 per month to retired married couples who have served twenty-five years or more. Motion prevailed.

A resolution from the Home Mission Board on the division of work in the United Church was read.

Dr. Ziegler moved that we refer the resolution to the joint meeting of the Executive Committees of Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, with full authority to act. The motion carried.

Rev. Shirley expressed the appreciation of the students at Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford, Connecticut, for the privilege of attending that school and receiving the inspiration of such training.

It was agreed that Dr. Ziegler have the privilege of inviting those nationals who should be in attendance at the General Conference, and who will appear on the program on Monday night, November 18, 1946.

Upon motion of Dr. S. G. Ziegler, the session of the Foreign Mission Board was adjourned.

Bishop Ira D. Warner led in a brief closing meditation.

Bishop A. R. Clippinger, President
S. G. Ziegler, General Secretary
Mrs. C. C. Yund, Recording Secretary

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